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Ancients

Ancient Romans and Asians known by more than one name are shown and indexed as they are generally known. Example:

"Sun Tzu" is indexed as written, not as "Tzu, Sun"

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Aeschylus

Aeschylus (~525 BC to ~456 BC) of Greece was often described as the father of tragedy. [not a great place to start a book]

Die Once Less Pain

For it would be better to die once and for all
than to suffer pain for all one's life.

From his *Prometheus Bound,* a tragedy written between 479 BC and no later than 424 BC. The Titan Prometheus defied Zeus by protecting mankind and giving them fire. Zeus was … very unhappy about that. The 1907 translation is available at
https://archive.org/details/prometheusbound03aescgoog 113 pages

Gaius Petronius Arbiter

He was born Titus Petronius Niger and died about 66 AD. He is believed to be the author of *Satyricon liber* (English: *The Book of Satyrlike Adventures*) and more. He served as governor of an Asian province and later rose to become the first (the most-senior, not the ordinal first) magistrate of Rome. Good biography at: https://www.britannica.com/biography/Gaius-Petronius-Arbiter

Reorganizing for Demoralizing

> Reorganizing is a wonderful method for creating the illusion of progress while actually producing confusion, inefficiency, and demoralization.

Contested attribution. See next page.

There is no record of this in the surviving writings of Arbiter and the language is not akin to translated Latin, but more reflective of the 20th Century. The below may be the authentic source. It reflects a close match to the abbreviated version above.

> We trained hard, but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams we would be reorganized. Presumably the plans for our employment were being changed. I was to learn later in life that, perhaps because we are so good at organizing, we tend as a nation to meet any new situation by reorganizing; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency, and demoralization. During our reorganizations, several commanding officers were tried out on us, which added to the discontinuity.
>
> (underlining mine) (more)

Charlton Ogburn Jr. wrote the above during WWII, while serving in the US Army as the communications officer for Merrill's Marauders in the China-Burma-India theater of operations. He wrote of his experiences and *Merrill's Marauders: The Truth about an Incredible Adventure* was published in the January 1957 issue of *Harper's Magazine.* The *Harper's* issue is Volume 214, Number 1280, starting on page 29, and the longer quote above appears on pages 32 and 33. PDF available at https://harpers.org/archive/1957/01/merrills-marauders/

A 25 minute movie on the Marauders
https://archive.org/details/gov.archives.arc.603003

Why Arbiter commonly attributed? Anything said in Latin (or someone who spoke Latin) seems more profound! (see page 123)

Aristotle

Aristotle (384 BC − 322 BC) was a Greek philosopher, student of Plato, and teacher of Alexander the Great.

Obey - Commander

He who has never learned to obey
cannot be a good commander.

From Part IV of his book *Politics* published about 350 BC. Also phrased as: *It is absurd that a man should rule others, who cannot rule himself*. The book is on line at https://archive.org/details/Aristotlespoliti00arisuoft 372 pages

Mark of Educated Mind

It's the mark of an educated mind
to be able to entertain a thought
without accepting it.

Generally attributed, but can't be found in his surviving texts.

The quote appears on page 52 of *Religion and the Pursuit of Truth* (1959) by Lowell Bennion, indexed here under *Ancients*. Available at https://archive.org/details/religionpursuito00benn 200 pages.

Educating Heart & Mind

> Educating the mind without educating the heart
> is no education at all.

Widely attributed but cannot be found in his *Politics, Nicomachean Ethics, Poetics,* or the *Rhetorica*.

Home, the School and the Church, Or, the Presbyterian Education (1850 or 1860) and reprinted in paperback in 2011 has: … *whilst the state plan educates the mind without educating the heart*... which is similar, but not definitive.

Thus the attribution remains disputed.

Happiness Vital Powers

The ancient Greeks described
happiness as the exercise of vital powers,
along lines of excellence,
in a life affording them scope.

Generally attributed, but a specific attribution hasn't been found.

Attributed to “ancient Greeks” in *Babylon 5*, Season 4, Episode 16, titled *Exercise of Vital Powers,* and written by series creator J. Michael Straczynski.

Anger – The Right Way

> Anybody can become angry... that is easy, but to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way... that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.

Aristotle didn't use those exact words, but they are consistent with his writings in *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book 2, Chapter 9 which can be found in https://archive.org/details/nicomachean-ethics

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Terence Irwin 1999 390 pages and *Aristotle in 23 Volumes, Vol. 19*, translated by H. Rackham 1934.

The link has an excellent linked index to the books and chapters

https://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.01.0054%3Abook%3D1%3Achapter%3D1%3Asection%3D1

Fool / Contributes / Takes

A fool contributes nothing worth hearing
and takes offense at everything.

Widely attributed to Aristotle but no specific citation was found.

Discussion at https://quotes.guide/aristotle/quote/a-fool-contributes-nothing-worth-hearing-and-takes-offense-at-everything/

Marcus Aurelius

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (121 AD − 180 AD) was an Emperor of Rome (161 AD to 180 AD), last of the "Five Good Emperors", and the last emperor of the *Pax Romana*, a long period of peace.

Your Thought Quality

> The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts: therefore, guard accordingly, and take care that you entertain no notions unsuitable to virtue and reasonable nature.

Bard College, The Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities, cites Marcus Aurelius as the quote source.
https://hac.bard.edu/amor-mundi/marcus-aurelius-on-thinking-2014-08-13

Buddha

He started life as Siddhartha Gautama and became *Buddha* meaning *the awakened*. Buddha spent most of his life wandering in South Asia and renounced material comforts to lead a life of austere self-discipline as an act of religious devotion. At some point during the 6th or 5th century BCE he founded Buddhism.

Anger / Poison

Holding onto anger is like drinking poison
and expecting the other person to die.

The phase has appeared in several forms over the centuries and the attribution to Buddha is disputed.

Candles

> Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened. Happiness never decreases by being shared.

The contemporary language above may have evolved from the Chinese text known as the *Sutra of 42 Sections*:

(10) The Buddha said, “Those who rejoice in seeing others observe the Way will obtain great blessing.” A Śramaṇa asked the Buddha, “Would this blessing be destroyed?” The Buddha replied, “It is like a lighted torch whose flame can be distributed to ever so many other torches which people may bring along; and therewith they will cook food and dispel darkness, while the original torch itself remains

burning ever the same. It is even so with the bliss of the Way.”
[underlining mine]

Śramaṇa or śramaṇa is a person exerts themselves for some higher or religious purpose. They renounce material comforts, leading a life of austere self-discipline often as an act of religious devotion.

The same concept has been related in various negatives and positive forms since Buddha, for example:

Blowing out someone else’s candle
doesn’t make yours shine any brighter.

Cassius

Gaius Cassius Parmensis (“of Parma”) (born ? and died after 31 BC) was a nobleman and an assassin of Julius Caesar.

Fault, not in stars

> The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,
> but in ourselves

Cassius in the play *Julius Caesar*
by William Shakespeare in Act I, Scene ii.

This requires some historical context to better appreciate the significance of the words and the contemporary meaning.

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Cassius is speaking with Marcus Junius Brutus to persuade him that Julius Caesar must not become an absolute monarch.

Brutus knows Caesar's intentions, and is torn between his love for Caesar and his duty to the Republic. Cassius continues that Caesar is a man, not a god, and they are equal to Caesar. Born equally free why would they suddenly have to bow to another man?

This short phrase also questions that which moves people to their actions and decisions is not fate, but the characteristics and key events of their life, including birth, native intelligence, accumulated learning, emotion, aspiration, morality, and conflicts.

For a more contemporary version see *NCIS*, Season 9, Episode 14, titled *Life Before His Eyes,* written by Gary Glasberg, and first aired February 7th, 2012. What if Gibbs hadn't shot the killer of his wife and daughter?

Grown So Great

Cassius is speaking to Brutus in Act I, Scene ii of *Julius Caesar*, written by William Shakespeare. Cassius is jealous of Caesar's great political power believing Caesar is weak and undeserving. The throngs of Roman citizens worshiping Caesar is especially galling to Cassius. So he asks Brutus if there was some special food that made Caesar so great?

> On what meat doth these our Caesars feed
> they have grown so great?

Found starting on line 149 at
https://shakespeare-navigators.ewu.edu/JC_Navigator/Julius_Caesar_Act_1_Scene_2.html

This quote is worth remembering when a powerful person has a source of power that isn't readily apparent. How did they get that way?

Marcus Tullius Cicero

Cicero (106 BC − 43 BC) was a multi-talented Roman, scholar, philosopher, statesman, lawyer, skeptic and writer on rhetoric, philosophy and politics. During the political upheaval that preceded creation of the Roman Empire he spoke for the principles of the patrician ruling class whose power would wane over time.

Idiots Persist

Any man can make mistakes,
but only an idiot persists in his error.

Widely attributed to Cicero, but not found in his surviving writings.

Nation survives fools

A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within.

An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their arguments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to fear.

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“Nations surviving fools” is widely attributed to Cicero but was not found in his surviving writings.

A Pillar of Iron (1965) by Taylor Caldwell is a work of fiction which frequently drew dialogue directly from the surviving written speeches and letters by Cicero.

Without a link to Cicero's writings it seems that the “treason from within” warning was perhaps Caldwell's creation.

Index entry for Caldwell is to here in the *Ancients* section.

Politicians Live Happily

The poor work and work.
The rich exploit the poor.
The soldier protects both.
The taxpayer pays for all three.
The wanderer rests for all four.
The drunk drinks for all five.
The banker robs all six.
The lawyer misleads all seven
The doctor bills all eight.
The undertaker buries all nine.

The politician lives happily
on account of all 10.

Sounds good, but the attribution is strongly contested. See https://checkyourfact.com/2021/02/01/fact-check-cicero-9-observations-roman-society/

Confucius

(551 BC − 479 BC) Kong Fuzi (also Kongzi, K'ung-fu-tzu, K'ung-tzu, Kongqiu), pen name Zhongni, and Latinized as Confucius, is considered one of the greatest Chinese sages whose teachings and philosophy affected East Asian culture and society for centuries, even to today.

Mosquito Cannon

Don't use a cannon to kill a mosquito.

Commonly attributed to Confucius and disputed for two reasons. First the quote was not found in his surviving writings. Also, cannons first appeared circa the 12th century and were in general use as artillery during the Yuan dynasty (1271 − 1368). That is 1,500+ years after the reported death of Confucius. The words are still an important reminder to use the proper tool for the job. See also *Slotted Spoon* on page 494.

Plan Horizon

If your plan is for one year, plant rice.

If your plan is for ten years, plant trees.

If your plan is for one hundred years, educate children.

Fool For Minute or Life?

The man who asks a question is a fool for a minute.
The man who does not ask is a fool for life.

Both attributed to Confucius, but no citation was found.

Croesus

Croesus (620BC – 546BC) was King of Lydia (modern day Turkey) from 585BC until his defeat by Persian King Cyrus the Great in 546 or 547BC. Herodotus, known as *The Father of History*, recorded the Greco-Persian Wars among other events.

War or Peace?

Croesus is made by Herodotus to say to Cyrus:

> Nobody is mad enough to choose
> war rather than peace;
> for in peace sons bury their fathers,
> but in war fathers bury their sons.

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from *Historia* by Herodotus also called *Herodotus, The Histories*
Book 1, Chapter 87, Section 4 (1.87.4)
https://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext%3A1999.01.0126%3Abook%3D1%3Achapter%3D87%3Asection%3D4

discussion
https://www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings-interpretations/Herodotus-in-peace-sons-bury-their-fathers-in-war-fathers-bury-their-sons-2

Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo di ser Piero da Vinci (1452 − 1519) was a person of widely varied learning demonstrated by his work as a painter, engineer, scientist, theorist, sculptor, and architect.

Pursue Principles to Death

> I love those who can smile in trouble, who can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but they whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves their conduct, will pursue their principles unto death.

(more)

Although commonly attributed to da Vinci it cannot be found in any of his surviving writings making the attribution unsupported.

The quote can be found in *American Crisis, No. 1*. It was published as a pamphlet in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 19, 1776. The author was “Common Sense”, a pseudonym of Thomas Paine. The index includes a reference to here under *Ancients*.

That pamphlet starts with: “These are the times that try men’s souls:” Regarding the quote, Paine's wording is only slightly different starting with “I love the man that can smile in trouble”.

The *American Crisis, No. 1* is available in its entirety at https://AmericaInClass.org/sources/makingrevolution/war/text2/painecrisis1776.pdf

Johann von Goethe

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749 − 1832) was a person of widely diverse capabilities displayed by his work as a playwright, novelist, scientist, statesman, theater director, critic *plus* scholarly publications on botany, anatomy, and color.

Falsely believe to be free

None are so hopelessly enslaved as
those who falsely believe to be free.

From his *Die Wahlverwandtschaften* (English: The Elective Affinities) Hamburg edition (1982), Book II, Chapter 5, Volume 6, page 397.

Judging Character

You can easily judge the character of a man
by how he treats those who can do nothing for him.

Although commonly attributed to von Goethe the quote was not found in his surviving writings. The earliest definitive use was in the *Hartford Courant* from August 6, 1972 in an article *Coco Offered Fatty Arbuckle Role* written by Earl Wilson. Wilson attributed the quote to magazine publisher Malcolm S. Forbes. Forbes later published a collection of his own words *The Sayings of Chairman Malcolm* (1978) where the quote appears on page 45. The index entry for Forbes shows this page in *Ancients*. The 136 page *Sayings* is available at https://archive.org/details/sayingsofchairma0000forb

[a worthwhile guide regardless of who created it]

Love Cultivates

Love does not dominate; it cultivates.

From von Goethe's *Das Märchen* (1795) (English: The fairy tale). No resource to an English version was found.

A lecture on *Das Märchen* by Reverend Frederic H. Hedge appears on pages 135 to page 156 in *The life and genius of Goethe : lectures at the Concord school of philosophy* (published 1886) with copyright 1885, by Ticknor and Company. The 454 pages are available at https://archive.org/details/lifegeniusofgoet00sanbrich

Heraclitus

He was an ancient Greek philosopher circa 500 BC, pre-Socrates.

Little of what Heraclitus wrote (the primary source) survived but many others cited him (secondary sources). Much of Heraclitus words were recorded in bits and pieces called *fragments*.

Many of fragments are presented in numerical order at https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Fragments_of_Heraclitus

See what Socrates thought of Heraclitus' work on page 153.

Step into the river

You can't step into the same river twice
for fresh waters are ever flowing in upon you

The idea being that having stepped into the river once it is forever changed, thus not the same river. *Cratylus*, Plato at 402a
https://archive.org/details/plato-cratylus
and similar at Fragment 91 Plutarch, *On the E at Delphi,* see also Fragment 12 on the Wikipedia page cited above.

A sage noticed “you can not set foot in the same river even once. For your foot has shielded a small part of the river from the sun. Even at night the presence of your foot so near the surface distends the air along the river.” That sage also noted that, foot or no, a moving river keeps moving regardless of your foot.

The only constant is change

Slight variants

> All entities move and nothing remains still.
> (at 401d in *Cratylus*)

> Everything changes and nothing stands still.
> (at 402a in *Cratylus*)

Plato's *Cratylus* https://archive.org/details/plato-cratylus
see also https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/plato-cratylus/

Those Who Love Wisdom

Men that love wisdom
must be acquainted with very many things indeed.

Quoted in *Stromata*, V, 140, 6 (Fragment 35)
by Saint Clement of Alexandria (circa 150AD − 215AD)
https://archive.org/details/writingsofclemen01clem

People Fighting for Laws

The people must fight for its law as for its walls.

Found in Fragment 44 in Chapter 3 of
Early Greek Philosophy by John Burnet (1863 − 1928)

https://archive.org/details/burnetgreek00burnrich

Unexpected & Trackless

He who does not expect will not find out the unexpected,
for it is trackless and unexplored.

See Fragment 18 on page 105 in *The Art and Thought of Heraclitus: An Edition of the Fragments* (1981) edited by Charles H. Kahn.

https://archive.org/details/artthoughtofhera0000kahn/page/n5/mode/2up

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Almost verbatim: The line was used almost verbatim (or verbatim and slightly changed in translation) by Euripides in his play *Helen*.

He who does not expect the unexpected will not find it, since it is trackless and unexplored.

See *Helen by Euripides*, edited by William Allan (2008), p. 278
https://books.google.com/books/about/Euripides_Helen.html?id=S-n-yOyxT9cC

(more)

Variant:
He who does not expect the unexpected will not find it out.

From page 129 *The Art and Thought of Heraclitus: An Edition of the Fragments* (1981) edited by Charles H. Kahn.
https://archive.org/details/artthoughtofhera0000kahn/page/n5/mode/2up

Variant: Trackless and Tangled

Unless you expect the unexpected, you will not find it,
for it is hidden and thickly tangled.

you can neither find it nor navigate your way through it.

Living in Two Worlds

The waking have one world in common;
sleepers have each a private world of his own.

Fragment 95 per *Early Greek Philosophy* by John Burnet (1863 − 1928) https://archive.org/details/burnetgreek00burnrich

Common Law and One's Law

Although the Law of Reason is common, the majority of people live as though they had an understanding of their own.

Attributed to Heraclitus, but no reference found.

Latin – Common Phrases

All else being equal

Ceteris Paribus

Other translations include "other things equal", "all other things being equal", "other things held constant", and "all else unchanged".

Until you are sick of it

Ad nauseum

until you are sick of it or until it makes you nauseous

Seize the day

Carpe diem (car-pay dee-um)

Seize the wrong day

Crape Diem

Swapping two adjacent letters gets (crah-pay dee-um) and a considerable difference in meaning.

Sine qua non

An essential element.

Example: Hydrogen is a sine qua non of water.

To whom the good?

Cui Bono?

Often a good question to ask when faced with a situation that makes no rational sense. “Good” can be anything, but as Mark Felt, FBI (while moonlighting as “Deep Throat” of Watergate fame), said: “Follow the money”. Actually Mr. Felt didn't say it, but it was too popular an example not to use. See https://www.npr.org/2012/06/16/154997482/follow-the-money-on-the-trail-of-watergate-lore

I think, therefore I am

Cogito, ergo sum.

Attributed to René Descartes as the “first principle” of philosophy in his *Discourse on the Method* (1637) available at https://ia601906.us.archive.org/17/items/rmcg0001/Descartes-Discourse-a1.pdf a 77 page PDF.

I think … waffle

Cogito, ergo eggo

I think, therefore I am a waffle.

[not “real” Latin, but very communicative.]

No disputing

Degustabus non est desputandum

There is no disputing a matter of taste.
[not “real” Latin, but it does communicate well]

Out of many, one

E pluribus unum

Referring to the coalition of 13 states into the one United States.

Whatever is said in Latin

Quiquid latine dictum sit altum viditur.

Whatever is said in Latin seems profound.

Watching the watchers

Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?

Who watches the watchers?
Or: Who will guard the guards themselves?

[a vital question to ask of those with great power in our defense]

Support your local clown

Pro Bozo Publico

[Again, not “real” Latin, but communicates well]

Pro Forma

Words to make your ears perk up with caution. A literal translation might be “as a matter of form” or “for the sake of form”. It is something done for the sake of form, not necessarily the actual truth or substance. One common example are financial forecasts, a report of transactions that have not yet occurred. A “pro forma” financial statement is what how they might appear. A “pro forma” isn't reality. *It is a projection of a possible reality. Caveat Empty!*

Can you read this?

Si hoc legere scis, nimium eruditionis habes.
If you can read this, you have too much education.

or:

Si hoc legere scis, nimis eruditionis habes.
If you can read this, you are over educated.

Latin Hiccup

Nice versa.

Reply: Thank you! Just polished the hatchback.

QED

Quod erat demonstrandum.

Means *which was to be demonstrated*, but literally translates to *what was to be shown*.

Ipse dixit

Ipse dixit is an assertion without proof, or a dogmatic expression of opinion. The fallacy of defending a proposition by baldly asserting that it is "just how it is" distorts the argument by opting out of it entirely: the claimant declares an issue to be intrinsic, and not changeable. https://www.wordnik.com/words/ipse%20dixit from The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition.

Latin – Star Trek

To boldly go

Ad eundum quo nemo ante iit.
To boldly go where no one has gone before.

From the stars, science.

Ex astris scientia
From the stars, science.

The motto of the Starfleet Academy.

And perhaps the most famous of all Trek phrases

Live long & prosper!

Vive diu prosperaque!

The traditional response is

Peace and Long Life.

Latin – Other Movies

Make My Day

Age. Fac ut gaudeam.
Go ahead. Make my day.

From the movie *Dirty Harry* (1971).

Show me the money!

Monstra mihi pecuniam!

From the movie *Jerry McGuire* (1996).

May the Force

Sit vis nobiscum.

May the Force be with you.

First use was in the movie

Star Wars: Episode IV – A New Hope (1977).

If I told you

Si tu dixero, necesse erit ut tu interficiam.

If I told you, I'd have to kill you.

Found in multiple places including the movie *Top Gun* (1996).

Latin – Misc & References

Lead, Follow, or

Duc, sequere, aut de via decede.
Lead, follow, or get out of the way.

Nothing wrong/doing right

Est nullum iniuria in profuturus.
There is nothing wrong in doing right.

Promote him away

Promoveatur ut admoveatur.

Let him be promoted to get him out of the way.

Service to Others

Servire aliis est feodum mercedem cellae vos in terris.

Service to others is the fee you pay for your room here on earth.

The English version is attributed to Muhammed Ali.

If it ain't broken ...

Si fractum non sit, noli id reficere.
If it isn’t broken, don’t fix it.

Invictus

Morior invictus
I die unvanquished
also: *death before defeat*

Invictus maneo
I remain unvanquished

Peace To/With You

pax vobis
peace to you
or peace be with you

pax vobiscum
peace with you

Morituri

Morituri salutamus
We who are about to die,
salute you.

Morituri nolumus mori
We who are about to die
don't want to.
(another not quite Latin)

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Others were from my friend Bennett Weaver.

Matthew

least of these brothers

Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one of the
least of these brothers and sisters of mine,
you did for me.

Matthew 25:40, 45, NIV

Peter The Apostle

He was born Shimon Bar Yonah and died about 66 AD. He was also known as Simon Peter, Simeon, Simon, Cephas, and later Saint Peter. He was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ. “Cephas” (in Aramaic) and “Peter” (in Greek) both mean *stone*.

Powerful / Humble

That which He might make powerful
He would first make humble

This is a modern language abbreviated version of *5:6-12 of the First Epistle of Peter* a book of the New Testament.
https://www.bible.com/bible/1/1PE.5.6-12.KJV

Plato

A philosopher, was born sometime between 428 BC and 423 BC, during the Classical period of Ancient Greece. He founded the *Academy* and taught philosophical doctrines. He died circa 348 BC at age 80 or so.

Apathy to Public Affairs

> The price of apathy towards public affairs
> is to be ruled by evil men.

From his *Republic*, Book 1. All 509 pages are available at https://archive.org/details/PlatoRepublic

Good People & Laws

Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly,
while bad people will find a way around the laws.

The Dialogues of Plato (1871), Volume 8, page 128.

There is a more modern version.

> Oh judge! Your damn laws! The good people don't need them, and the bad people don't obey them.

Attributed to Ammon Hennacy (1893 − 1970) an American Christian anarchist, Christian pacifist, and social activist as quoted in *Voices from the Catholic Worker* (1993) on page 114.

Perfect form

Short: According to Plato, for any conceivable thing or property there is a corresponding Form, a perfect example of that thing or property.

Long: According to Plato, for any conceivable thing or property there is a corresponding Form, a perfect example of that thing or property. The list is almost inexhaustible. Tree, House, Mountain, Man, Woman, Ship, Cloud, Horse, Dog, Table and Chair, would all be examples of putatively independently-existing abstract perfect Ideas.

https://philosophynow.org/issues/90/Plato_A_Theory_of_Forms

Plutarch

Perhaps known as Lucius Mestrius Plutarchus (circa 46AD to sometime after 119AD) he was a Greek philosopher, historian, author, priest of Delphi's Temple of Apollo, and devotee of Plato.

Education / Pail Filling or Fire Lighting?

Education is not the filling of a pail,
but the lighting of a fire.

(more)

By recognizing education as a force that inspires and ignites passion within individuals, it allows them to thrive, discover their purpose, and contribute meaningfully to the world.

This approach to education recognizes the importance of intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, and personal growth, paving the way for a more enlightened and empowered society.

The above is from a discussion at https://www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings/william-butler-yeats-education-is-not-the-filling-of-a-pail-but-the-lighting-of-a-fire The quote is often attributed to William Butler Yeats, but no citation was found.

See https://quoteinvestigator.com/2013/03/28/mind-fire/

Protagoras

Protagoras (~481 BC to ~420 BC) was an ancient Greek philosopher about the time of Socrates (~470 BC to ~399 BC). Plato (see page 139) credited Protagoras as the original sophist and teacher of "virtue".

Two Sides Per Question

There are two sides to every question.

As quoted in *Lives of Eminent Philosophers* by Diogenes Laërtius, Book IX, Section 51 at https://archive.org/details/livesofeminentph02dioguoft/livesofeminentph02dioguoft (724 pages)

Publius Tacitus

also called Gaius Cornelius Tacitus (circa 53 to 56 AD to sometime about 117 AD), was a Roman orator, lawyer, senator and considered one of antiquity's greatest historians.

Laws & corruption level

> *Corruptissima re publica plurimae leges.*
> The more numerous the laws, the more corrupt the government.

from his Book III, 27 in *The Annals of Tacitus*. All 573 pages are at https://archive.org/details/annalstacitus01tacigoog

An unattributed corollary: For a more corrupt government, more laws are created to sustain that corruption.

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

also known as Seneca the Younger (~4 BCE to 65 CE), he was a Roman philosopher, statesman, orator, and tragedian.

Afraid In The Light

We are as much afraid in the light
as children in the dark.

From his *Epistulae Morales ad Lucilium* (English: *Moral Letters to Lucilius*). Children fear the dark because they don't know what is there and the unknown is fearful. Not being in the light is being in the shadows or darkness. Light is associated with truth, hence those who fear the truth are as deceivers in the darkness. Adults should seek the light “Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:32 NIV)

Religion

Religion is regarded
by the common people as true,
by the wise as false, and
by rulers as useful.

Attributed to Seneca, but the attribution is contested.

Socrates

He was a philosopher (~470 BC to ~399 BC) from the Greek city-state of Athens. He is generally considered the founder of Western philosophy and strong proponent of ethical conduct. His impiety trial carried a death sentence, reportedly accomplished by hemlock.

Socrates spoke often, but apparently wrote little. Soon after his death his words were preserved by others as narratives of Socrates' communications. The veracity of those records is not sacrosanct. In his *Poetics* Aristotle (see page 81) called those narratives "Socratic discourses". Sadly none of those survived to present day. What did survive (some intact) were by Xenophon and Plato (see page 139) but were not intended as records of what Socrates actually said but to convey the sense of what Socrates intended to communicate in the manner Socrates had typically used.

Prefer knowledge to wealth

Prefer knowledge to wealth,
for the one is transitory,
the other perpetual.

Having both means not having to choose. The quote is cited at https://www.hookedtobooks.com/Socrates-quotes/ but lacks any primary source (such as a surviving writing of Socrates) or secondary source (ex: Plato citing Socrates).

Awareness of Ignorance

Awareness of ignorance
is the beginning of wisdom.

Generally attributed to Socrates, but contested.

For a cogent explanation see
https://philosophy.stackexchange.com/questions/45154/the-beginning-of-wisdom-is-the-definition-of-terms-Socrates

Learning & Knowing

The more I learn,
the less I realize I know.

Generally attributed to Socrates, but no reference was found.

Einstein (see page 380) wrote “The more I learn, the more I realize how much I don't know.” Did Socrates say so first?

It is good guidance, but we’re unlikely to ever know the author.

Loser's Insult

When the debate is lost,
insults become the loser's tool.

This quote is contested because there are so few references pre-2008. Nothing similar to the quote appears in the collected works of Plato or Xenophon, both great secondary sources for the words of Socrates. After 2008 sources appear meme-related and without an ancient secondary source as those described on page 148.

Understood & Not

> The part I understand is excellent, and so too is, I dare say, the part I do not understand; but it needs a Delian diver to get to the bottom of it.

Socrates reply on what he thought of Heraclitus's treatise as quoted in Diogenes Laërtius's *Lives of Eminent Philosophers* (ed. R. D. Hicks), Book II, Chapter 5, section 22.
https://archive.org/details/livesofeminentph02dioguoft/livesofeminentph02dioguoft

Lao Tzu

Laozi is a Chinese honorific often translated as “The Old Master” and Romanized as Lao Tzu. It generally refers to a single, semi-legendary, ancient Chinese Taoist philosopher. The quotes below are from *The Tao Te Ching*, a foundational work of Taoism written around 400 BC and traditionally credited to Laozi, though the author, date, and location are debated for both.

Being Loved

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength,
while loving someone deeply gives you courage.

Candles – Both Ends

A candle burning at both ends will burn twice as bright ...
… for half as long.

Sun Tzu

Sun Tzu lived during the Eastern Zhou period (771 to 256 BCE) and served as a Chinese military general, strategist, and philosopher.

Know enemy & self

From *The Art of War,* Section III *Attack by Stratagem*

> III-18 Hence the saying: If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.

The Art of War is on line without registration or fee.
http://classics.mit.edu/Tzu/artwar.html

Confusion & Opportunity

In confusion there is opportunity.
and
In the midst of chaos, there is also opportunity.

are both shortened versions from *The Art of War* which says

> VI-16: Amid the turmoil and tumult of battle, there may be seeming disorder and yet no real disorder at all; amid confusion and chaos, your array may be without head or tail, yet it will be proof against defeat.

Section 6 *Energy,* number 16 available at MIT (link above) or https://archive.org/details/TheArtOfWarBySunTzu on page 50.

Founders

This section includes the first four presidents of the United States.

Those four are not included in the
Presidents & National Leaders
section starting on page 212.

Abigail Adams

She was the wife and closest advisor of our 2nd President (see page 159) and the mother of John Quincy Adams, our 6th president. She is indeed properly placed with the Founders of our Nation.

Creatures of Value / Commitment

> There are only two creatures of value of the face of this earth. Those with the commitment and those who acquire the commitment of others.

From the play and movie *1776* (1972). Sherman Edwards had the concept and Peter Stone wrote the book and screenplay. The 2 hour, 47 minute movie is on line without charge or registration at https://archive.org/details/1776-film

John Adams

John Adams (1735 − 1826) Founder, 2nd US President, outspoken, obnoxious, and generally disliked, but his intelligence and powers of debate were vital in convincing others to declare independence from Great Britain. He was second cousin to Samuel Adams and husband to Abigail.

Dread Two Great Parties

> There is nothing which I dread so much as a division of the republic into two great parties, each arranged under its leader, and concerting measures in opposition to each other. This, in my humble apprehension, is to be dreaded as the greatest political evil under our Constitution.

From a letter to Jonathan Jackson dated October 2, 1780 on line at https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Adams/06-10-02-0113.

Single Party Rule

The 1700s term “Assembly” is closer to the modern term “party”.

> I think a people cannot be long free, nor ever happy, whose government is in one Assembly. My reasons for this opinion are as follow.
>
> [point #] 6. Because a single Assembly, possessed of all the powers of government, would make arbitrary laws for their own interest, execute all laws arbitrarily for their own interest, and adjudge all controversies in their own favour.

From his *Thoughts on Government* (1776)
https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Adams/06-04-02-0026-0004 about 2/3 of the way down.

Empire of Laws

> [T]he very definition of a Republic, is "an Empire of Laws, and not of Men."

John Adams, *Thoughts on Government* (1776)
https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Adams/06-04-02-0026-0004 about the 9th full paragraph

Government is instituted

> Government is instituted for the common good; for the protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness of the people; and not for profit, honor, or private interest of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, the people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and indefeasible right to institute government; and to reform, alter, or totally change the same, when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it.

From *Thoughts on Government* (1776).
Indefeasible is not able to be lost, annulled, or overturned.

http://thefederalistpapers.org/founders/adams/john-adams-thoughts-on-government-1776-2

Fair Elections

> In the midst of these pleasing ideas we should be unfaithful to ourselves if we should ever lose sight of the danger to our liberties if anything partial or extraneous should infect the purity of our free, fair, virtuous, and independent elections.

From letters to his wife Abigail circa 1797. About 1840, after his death, selected letters were collected, edited by his grandson Charles Francis Adams Sr. (son of John Quincy Adams, who was the son of John and Abigail Adams) and published.

Samuel Adams

Sam Adams (1722 − 1803) was a delegate from Massachusetts to the Continental Congress (1774 − 1781) and signed the Declaration of Independence. He was a second cousin to John Adams.

Good people in power

> Nothing is more essential to the establishment of manners in a State than that all persons employed in places of power and trust must be men of unexceptionable characters.

(more)

Similar words appear in a letter, written in the vernacular of their time, to James Warren on November 4, 1775. A section of that letter is below.

> . . . It is not possible that any State shd long remain free, where Virtue is not supremely honord. This is as seasonably as it is justly said by one of the most celebrated Writers of the present time. Perhaps the Form of Governmt now adopted & set up in the Colony may be permanent. Should it be only temporary the golden opportunity of recovering the Virtue & reforming the Manners of our Country should be industriously improvd. Our Ancestors in the most early Times laid an excellent Foundation for the security of Liberty by setting up in a few years after their Arrival a publick Seminary of Learning; and … obligd every Town consisting of a certain Number of Families to keep and maintain a Grammar School . . . [underlining mine.]

To read all the exact words see
http://www.samuel-adams-heritage.com/documents/samuel-adams-to-james-warren-1775.html

Edmund Burke

(1729 −1797) was an Anglo-Irish statesman, economist, philosopher, and member of Parliament 1766 to 1794.

Your representative owes

> Your representative owes you, not his industry only, but his judgment; and he betrays, instead of serving you, if he sacrifices it to your opinion.

In a speech to the Electors of Bristol on November 3, 1774
http://press-pubs.uchicago.edu/founders/documents/v1ch13s7.html

Triumph of Evil

The only thing necessary
for the triumph of evil
is that good men do nothing.

Widely attributed to Burke and also to John F. Kennedy, R. Murray Hyslop, Charles F. Aked, John Stuart Mill, and more.

Liberty & Justice

Whenever a separation is made
between liberty and justice,
neither, in my opinion, is safe.

Commonly attributed to Burke in a letter to M. François-Louis-Thibaut de Menonville, October 1789. That letter was not found, even at https://discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

The quote **does** appear verbatim in the sixth paragraph of a *Letter to Charles-Jean-François Depont,* November 1789. See https://oll.libertyfund.org/title/ritchie-further-reflections-on-the-french-revolution

Ben Franklin

Benjamin “Ben” Franklin (1706 − 1790) was an American printer and publisher, author, inventor and scientist, and diplomat. He was elegant of wit, wisdom, and writing.

Franklin was a representative from Pennsylvania to the Second Continental Congress, helped draft the Declaration of Independence and was signatory to it. He was our first Postmaster General. He would go on to represent the United States in France and later to Sweden. He was the second-to-last President of Pennsylvania (1785–1788). The last President of Pennsylvania became governor with the Pennsylvania Constitution of 1790.

As a scientist Franklin improved our understanding of electricity.

Trade liberty for safety

> Those who would give up essential Liberty,
> to purchase a little temporary Safety,
> deserve neither Liberty nor Safety.

From a reply to the Governor of Pennsylvania, November 11, 1755 and printed in *Votes and Proceedings of the House of Representatives*, 1755–1756 on pages 19 to 21.

https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Franklin/01-06-02-0107

Keeping Our Republic

James McHenry (1753 − 1816) was a Maryland delegate to the Constitutional Convention. On September 18, 1787, the last day of the convention, he wrote in his journal about a brief conversation between Doctor Benjamin Franklin (a delegate) and Mrs. Elizabeth Willing Powel (~1742 − 1830) of Philadelphia. Mrs. Powel was excluded from the Pennsylvania State House and not a delegate, yet she had considerable political and civic clout from money, personal connections, and a family with even more connections and clout. Mr. McHenry wrote:

(more)

A lady asked Dr. Franklin

"Well Doctor what have we got,

a republic or a monarchy?"

Franklin replied

"A republic … if you can keep it."

From https://blogs.loc.gov/manuscripts/2022/01/a-republic-if-you-can-keep-it-elizabeth-willing-powel-benjamin-franklin-and-the-james-mchenry-journal/ [I made small modifications to to clarify who was speaking. We've kept the republic for over two centuries, but tomorrow is promised to no one.]

Hang Together

If we do not all hang together,
we shall certainly hang separately.

Commonly attributed to Franklin at the signing of the *Declaration of Independence*, July 4, 1776. While it certainly sounds like his style and wit the attribution as creator is disputed.

An earlier citation was found in *The Spanish Fryar* (1681) by John Dryden referring to the quote as a “Flemish proverb”. “Fryar” is “Friar”, a religious person in an order such as the Dominicans or Franciscans. In 1681 Ben Franklin hadn't been born yet.

Read *The Spanish Fryer* at https://archive.org/details/spanishfryarordo00dryd

Tricks & Treachery

Tricks and treachery are the practice of fools,
that don't have brains enough to be honest.

Widely attributed to Franklin and it certainly sounds like something he would say, but it was not found in his surviving writings. No alternative attribution was found.

Alexander Hamilton

Alexander Hamilton (1755 or 1757 to 1804) was a military officer in the Revolutionary War and one of the nation's Founders. He was the first Secretary of the Treasury from 1789 to 1795.

Overturning republics

> Of those men who have overturned the liberties of republics, the greatest number have begun their career by paying an obsequious court to the people, commencing demagogues and ending tyrants.

From *The Federalist Papers Number 1* on line at https://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/fed01.asp

Patrick Henry

Patrick Henry (1736 − 1799) was a gifted orator and major figure in the American Revolution. He was an Anti-Federalist to the point of opposing ratification of the Constitution. In his opinion it put too much power in a national government. He also served as the Governor of Virginia, as the first from 1776 to 1779, then as the sixth* from 1784 to 1786. His influence helped create the *Bill of Rights*, which guaranteed personal freedoms and set limits on the government's constitutional power.

* In the five years and a bit between Henry's two terms only two governors served more than a year. The second governor was Thomas Jefferson for two years. Third, William Fleming for less than a month as "acting" governor. The fourth governor was Thomas Nelson Jr who resigned after five months. David Jameson was acting governor for about eight days and didn't get a number. The fifth governor was Benjamin Harrison who served three years. [high turnover indeed!]

Constitution for people to restrain government

> The constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government lest it come to dominate our lives and interests.

The statement is accurate in describing the Founders' intent as they wrote the Constitution to restrain the government. The wording and opinion expressed are consonant with Patrick Henry's often expressed point of view, yet no specific attribution can be found in Henry's surviving writings.

(more)

Harlow Giles Unger, author *Lion of Liberty: Patrick Henry and the Call to a New Nation* (2010), wrote:

> Although the statement is factually correct and reflects both the purpose of the Constitution and the deeply held views of Patrick Henry, I have no idea who actually said it. Henry may well have made a similar statement, but I have I have no evidence to support his using the exact words of the statement in question. [underlining mine]

as reported at https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/patrick-henry-constitution-quote/ in October 2018.

Liberty or Death

Give me Liberty or Give me Death!

Henry in a speech to the Second Virginia Convention on March 23, 1775, at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia.

It appears at the end of the speech: “Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, **give me liberty or give me death!**” [bolding mine]

https://www.owleyes.org/text/speech-to-the-second-virginia-convention/read/text-of-henrys-speech

Thomas Jefferson

He was principal author of the *Declaration of Independence*. Not all of his work survived into the final version and the words of others were added. He helped craft the Constitution, was 2nd Governor of Virginia from June 1779 to June 1781, first US secretary of state (1789–1794), the second vice president (1797–1801), and the 3rd President of the United States from March 4, 1801 to March 4, 1809.

He was also responsible for acquiring over 800,000 square miles in the Louisiana Purchase. It ran northwest from southeast tip of present state of Louisiana, and included: the northeast corner of modern Texas, all of Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Nebraska, eastern half of Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, Wyoming (except for southwest corner), Nebraska, South Dakota, most of North Dakota, almost all of Montana, plus some other parts. Look at a map, it was huge!

Purpose of Government

The purpose of government is to enable the people of a nation to live in safety and happiness. Government exists for the interest of the governed, not the governors. As Benjamin Franklin wrote, “In free governments the rulers are the servants and the people their superiors and sovereigns.”

The ultimate powers in a society, therefore, rest in the people themselves, and they should exercise those powers, either directly or through representatives, in every way they are competent and that is practicable.

http://jti.lib.virginia.edu/jefferson/quotations/jeffcont.htm
Section I. The Fundamentals of Government
Section I-5 The Sovereignty of the People

Man assumes public trust

> When a man assumes a public trust,
> he should consider himself as public property.

The whole quote:

> ***When a man assumes a public trust, he should consider himself as public property***, and justly liable to the inspection and vigilance of public opinion; and the more sensibly he is made to feel his dependence, the less danger will there be of his abuse of power — The abuse of power, that rock on which good governments, and the people's rights, have been so often wrecked. [bold italics mine] (more)

This was a remark made during a conversation in the president's office with Baron Alexander von Humboldt, a celebrated naturalist and traveler.

Reported in *Life of Thomas Jefferson, with selections from the most valuable portions of his voluminous and unrivaled private correspondence* by B. L. Rayner on page 356. All 444 pages are available at ttps://archive.org/details/lifeofthomasjeff00rayn

No unjust with impunity

> No nation, however powerful, any more than an individual, can be unjust with impunity. Sooner or later public opinion, an instrument merely moral in the beginning, will find occasion physically to inflict its sentences on the unjust.

In the first paragraph of a letter to James Madison 23 April 1804.

See https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Madison/02-07-02-0105

Laws change

> I am not an advocate for frequent changes in laws and constitutions, but ***laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind***. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstances, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as a civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors.
> [bold italics mine]

Excerpted from a letter to Samuel Kercheval, July 12, 1816 and memorialized at the Southeast Portico of the Jefferson Memorial.

One little dot

If Only Jefferson Was Available to Settle the Issue!

A Period Is Questioned in the Declaration of Independence

According to Danielle Allen, a professor at the *Institute for Advanced Study* in Princeton, NJ a period appears right after the phrase “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness”.

That spot of ink, she believes, makes a difference, contributing to what she calls a “routine but serious misunderstanding” of the document.

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The period creates the impression that the list of self-evident truths ends with the right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness [period as end of sentence]” She argues, as intended by Jefferson, what comes next is just as important: the essential role of governments — “instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed” — in securing those rights.

“The logic of the sentence moves from the value of individual rights to the importance of government as a tool for protecting those rights,” Ms. Allen said. “You lose that connection when the period gets added.”

more at http://www.nytimes.com/2014/07/03/us/politics/a-period-is-questioned-in-the-declaration-of-independence.html

James Madison

Madison (1751 − 1836) was a voracious reader. The views of John Locke, Isaac Newton, Jonathan Swift, Voltaire, (and more) influenced Madison's own thinking and writing. In 1776 he was elected to the Virginia convention that resolved for independence and drafted a new state constitution. From 1777 to 1779 he served Virginia under governors Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson.

In 1780 he was elected to the Continental Congress where he saw our revolution's success possible only under a strong central government. He supported the French alliance and worked to strengthen the powers of Congress. In 1783 he retired from Congress where he was widely regarded as its best informed legislator and most effective debater.

From 1809 to 1817 he served as the 4th President of the United States.

Fetters on liberty

> The fetters imposed on liberty at home have ever been forged out of the weapons provided for defense against real, pretended, or imaginary dangers from abroad.

Madison was writing on the dangers of a standing army being used to deprive the people of liberty. His *Political Reflections* was printed February 23, 1799 and signed *A Citizen of the United States*. On line at https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Madison/01-17-02-0150

Similar version in a letter from Madison to Jefferson, 13 May 1798. https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Madison/01-17-02-0088

[perhaps replace “dangers from abroad” with “dangers foreign or domestic”?]

Montesquieu

Charles de Secondat, Baron de Montesquieu (1689 − 1755) may have been the founder of the governmental theory of *separation of powers* subsequently incorporated in constitutions around the world. He published a large treatise on political theory initially as an anonymous author. Titled *The Spirit of Laws* (1748) in 31 books they influenced the Founders of the United States in the drafting of the Constitution.

Laws: Useless vs Necessary

Useless laws weaken necessary laws.

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The quote above is a shortened version

from his treatise *The Spirit of Laws* (1748)
in Book XXIX: *Of the Manner of Composing Laws*
in Chapter 16: *Things to be Observed in the Composing of Laws*
on page 402

> As useless laws debilitate such as are necessary, so those that may be easily eluded weaken the legislation. Every law ought to have its effect, and no one should be suffered to deviate from it by a particular exception.

The whole 473 pages are available without registration or fee at

https://www.lonang.com/wp-content/download/Montesquieu-SpiritOfLaws.pdf

Thomas Paine

Born Thomas Pain (1737–1809), he later added the trailing 'e', and was one of America's Founders.

He was a political activist, philosopher, political theorist, and revolutionary. He wrote *Common Sense* and *The American Crisis*, both of which inspired a declaration of independence and the start of the US Revolutionary War.

The writings of Thomas Paine were well crafted, voluminous, and survived the centuries. See

https://www.bartleby.com/lit-hub/the-writings-of-thomas-paine/

Get cheap/esteem lightly

> What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated.

From his *American Crisis, No. 1*. Published as a pamphlet in Philadelphia December 19, 1776. The author is "Common Sense", a pseudonym of Paine. This is the one that starts:

"*THESE are the times that try men's souls*."

https://www.bartleby.com/lit-hub/the-writings-of-thomas-paine/the-american-crisis

Law is king

> … in America the law is king. For as in absolute governments the king is law, so in free countries the law ought to be king; and there ought to be no other.

From *Common Sense* by Paine, part 3, on line at https://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/168/common-sense/2970/part-3/

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Note: The meaning of this simple phrase is worth understanding.

The government and its officers must obey the law.

This is embodied in the US Constitution with the Separation of Powers via Three Branches of Government, Due Process, Judicial Review, and more.

That **no one is above the law** is further embodied in cases such as Nixon v. US (1974), Clinton v. Jones (1997), Bush v. Gore (2000-the national election / Florida recount dispute), State of New York v. Trump (2023-business fraud), United States v. Trump (2023-classified documents), United States v. Trump (2023-Conspiracy & more), and State of Georgia v. Trump (2023-racketeering, conspiracy & more).

Not accountable? No trust.

> A body of men, holding themselves accountable to nobody, ought not to be trusted by any body.

Found in Part 1.3 in Paine's book *Rights of Man* (1791, after America's War of Independence had ended). It was written to support the idea that political revolution is permissible when a government does not safeguard the rights of its people. The book included over 30 articles and the entire 324 pages are on line at

https://archive.org/details/PaineRightsOfMan

Renounced Use of Reason

The leading paragraph in one of Paine's letters to General Sir William Howe, March 21, 1778 was:

> To argue with a man who has renounced the use and authority of reason, and whose philosophy consists in holding humanity in contempt, is like administering medicine to the dead, or endeavoring to convert an atheist by scripture.

The American Revolutionary War was from April 19, 1775 (see note below) to September 3, 1783 and *The Treaty of Paris*.

The whole letter is available on line at
https://www.ushistory.org/paine/crisis/c-05.htm

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Note: The Battle of Lexington - Start of the Revolution

April 19, 1775, at about 5am, 700 British troops marched into the city of Lexington in Massachusetts and were opposed by 77 armed minutemen. The British ordered the minutemen to disperse. A single shot was fired and the resulting exchange was brief. The results were lopsided. Eight Americans were dead or dying and ten more were wounded. One British soldier was injured.

The Battle of Concord was later that same day. The two battles comprised the "**Shot Heard 'Round The World**" recognized as the starting point of the American revolution against Great Britain.

https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-american-revolution-begins

Repeated Lies > < Truth

> A continual circulation of lies among those who are not much in the way of hearing them contradicted, will in time pass for truth; and the crime lies not in the believer but the inventor.

From part of a Paine's letter to Lord Howe dated January 13, 1777, less than two years after the battles of Concord and Lexington and about six months after the Declaration of Independence.

The entire letter can be found on line at
https://www.ushistory.org/Paine/crisis/c-02.htm

Dare not offend?

He who dares not offend cannot be honest.

"The Forester" was another Paine pseudonym. The quote is in Letter III "To Cato" dated April 8, 1776, after the Revolutionary War had started and two months before the Declaration of Independence was signed. These letters are on line at https://www.bartleby.com/lit-hub/the-writings-of-thomas-paine/the-foresters-letters/

"Cato" wrote a series of essays against American independence. According to Paine biographer Moncure D. Conway, this "Cato" was the Reverend Dr. William Smith, an influential Anglican minister in Philadelphia.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cato%27s_Letters#cite_note-6

Absolute Power

> No country can be called free which is governed by an absolute power; and it matters not whether it be an absolute royal power or an absolute legislative power, as the consequences will be the same to the people.

From the collection of Paine's writings in the book *Citizen Paine: Thoughts on Man, Government, Society, and Religion* John P. Kaminski (Editor) (2002)

Smile / Strength / Conscience

> I love the man that can smile in trouble, that can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink; but he whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves his conduct, will pursue his principles unto death.

Often attributed to da Vinci, but not found in his works. It appears in *The American Crisis* essays by Thomas Paine. Specifically the first essay, the one that starts *These are the times that try men's souls*. The link below has readable text and a high resolution scan of the essay as-printed. The text says the date was [Dec. 19, 1776?] (the square brackets and question mark are theirs) but looking at the scan in could also be "Aug 19, 1776".
https://www.loc.gov/resource/rbpe.03902300/?st=text

John Stark

Stark (1728 − 1822) served as a major-general during the French and Indian War and the Revolutionary War. He was called the "Hero of Bennington" for his exemplary service during that 1777 battle.

Live Free or Die

In a letter declining an invitation to an anniversary reunion of the Battle of Bennington due to ill health, Stark closed with:

P.S. I will give you my volunteer toast.

Live free or die.

Death is not the greatest of evils.

(more)

The phrase is assertive of independence found in American political philosophy at the time. It was later adopted as the state motto of New Hampshire.

Perhaps inspired by

In 1772 a French novel by Louis-Sébastien Mercier contained:

> Choose then, man! Be happy or miserable; if yet it be in thy power to choose: fear tyranny, detest slavery, arm thyself, live free, or die.

George Washington

Young George (1732 − 1799) started work learning how to farm. At age 15 he became a surveyor, then tried to enter Britain's Royal Navy, failed, and wound up a soldier in the British imperial army, then in the midst of the *Seven Years War*, a conflict between France and Britain. The war was fought primarily in Europe, the Americas, and Asia-Pacific. Washington distinguished himself on the battlefield, enjoyed the short peace, then came the battles of Lexington and Concord.

In June 1775 he was appointed Commander in Chief of the rag-tag Continental Army and defeated the British. The Treaty of Paris ended the Revolutionary War and started the road to establishing these United States.

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Washington wanted to work at his estate and initially refused to become the leader of a new nation. At fifty-seven years old he was the only U. S. President to receive every vote from the Electoral College. He would serve two terms as President.

No Greatness for Ruin

> No punishment, in my opinion, is too great for the man who can build his greatness upon his country's ruin.

In the fourth paragraph of President Washington's letter to Joseph Reed December 12, 1778.

https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/03-18-02-0452

Speaking Evil

> To speak evil of anyone, unless there is unequivocal proofs of their deserving it, is an injury for which there is no adequate reparation.

Cited in *Letter from Washington To George Washington Parke Custis*, November 28, 1796 cited in *Recollections and Private Memoirs of Washington* (1861) by George Washington Parke Custis and Mary Randolph Custis Lee, published by J. W. Bradley.

(more)

George and Martha Washington had no children of their own, but enjoyed the company of their step-children John Parke Custis and his sister Eleanor, both of whom grew up at Washington's Mount Vernon estate and in Washington's presidential household.

John Parke Custis' son was *George Washington Parke Custis*, who would be a plantation owner, author, and dealer / collector of antiquities. He compiled President Washington's papers for history.

More on the grandchildren
https://www.mountvernon.org/library/digitalhistory/digital-encyclopedia/article/**george-washington-parke-custis**/

https://encyclopediavirginia.org/entries/**lee-mary-randolph-custis**-1807-1873/

Political Parties

> However [political parties or similar organizations] may now & then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government, destroying afterwards the very engines which have lifted them to unjust dominion.

His *Farewell Address* on September 19, 1796 at about the 17th paragraph that starts with *All obstructions to the execution of the Laws . . .*

https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/05-20-02-0440-0002

John Witherspoon

The Reverend John Witherspoon, D.D. was a Scottish-American Presbyterian minister, educator, and farmer.

He embraced Scottish common sense realism, and while president of the College of New Jersey (later known as Princeton University) became an influential figure in the development of our national character as a member of the Continental Congress from New Jersey. He affixed his signature to the United States Declaration of Independence.

Decline of Manners

> Nothing is more certain than that a general profligacy and corruption of manners make a people ripe for destruction. A good form of government may hold the rotten materials together for some time, but beyond a certain pitch, even the best constitution will be ineffectual, and slavery must ensue.

From *The Dominion of Providence Over the Passions of Men* (1776) a sermon preached at Princeton, May 17, 1775.

https://archive.org/details/bim_eighteenth-century_the-dominion-of-providen_witherspoon-john_1778

Presidents & National Leaders

The first four presidents of the United States are in the *Founders* section starting on page 157.

Napoleon Bonaparte

Napoleone di Buonaparte (1769 − 1821) was a military commander who became *First Consul* (1799 − 1804), a political official. From 1804 to 1814 he was *Emperor Napoleon The First, Emperor of the French* and briefly Emperor again in 1815. His recorded military maxims are still studied today.

Morale 3: other factors 1

Morale is to all other factors as three is to one.

Not quite what he wrote.

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Napoleon’s maxims refer frequently to the “moral” as opposed to the “physical” aspects of an army. In his context “moral” is much more than right/just vs wrong/crooked.

The quote cited may been derived from this quote:

> An army's effectiveness depends on its size, training, experience, and morale, and morale is worth more than any of the other factors combined.

https://www.napoleonguide.com/maxim_war.htm

George W. Bush

George Walker Bush (1946 – ?) is an American politician who served as the 46th governor of Texas (1995 − 2000) then two terms as the 43rd President of the United States (2001 − 2009).

Judge Others & Selves

On July 12, 2016 in Dallas, Texas, he spoke at a memorial service for five police officers ambushed and slain on July 7, 2016. Seven other officers, plus two civilians, were injured.

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Too often, we judge other groups by their worst examples, while judging ourselves by our best intentions. And this is… And this has strained our bonds of understanding and common purpose. But Americans, I think, have a great advantage. To renew our unity, we only need to remember our values.

We have never been held together by blood or background. We are bound by things of the spirit, by shared commitments to common ideals.

Article on the speech and former President Bush's words
https://time.com/4403510/george-w-bush-speech-dallas-shooting-memorial-service/

Winston Churchill

Sir Winston Leonard Spencer Churchill (1874 − 1965) was a well practiced writer and orator. He served as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom twice: First during the Second World War and again from 1951 to 1955. He was a Member of Parliament from 1900 to 1964, except for 1922 to 1924.

Eight of his greatest speeches can be found at
https://www.historyextra.com/period/second-world-war/churchills-greatest-speeches/

Many quotes attributed to Churchill lack attribution or are falsely attributed to him. Still, someone said them and they are good ideas to remember.

Fear & Courage

Fear is a reaction.
Courage is a decision.

Widely attributed to Sir Winston, but no specific reference was found. See *The Illustrious History of Misquoting Winston Churchill* (2015) and *Churchill Misquoted* on page 239.

https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/illustrious-history-misquoting-winston-churchill-180953634/

Free Speech & Outraged Response

> Some people's idea of free speech is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage.

It is distilled from what he said to Parliament on October 13, 1943.

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So we must beware of a tyranny of opinion which tries to make only one side of a question the one which may be heard. Everyone is in favour of free speech. Hardly a day passes without its being extolled, but some people's idea of it is that they are free to say what they like, but if anyone says anything back, that is an outrage.

The text can be found in the records of Parliament for October 13, 1942. Those words of Mr. Churchill are on column 923 regarding the *Coalmining Situation*. This link goes to that column. https://api.parliament.uk/historic-hansard/commons/1943/oct/13/coalmining-situation#column_923

See also https://quoteinvestigator.com/2016/10/14/outrage/

Government takes then gives

> There is nothing government can give you that it hasn't taken from you in the first place.

Widely attributed to Churchill, but no specific citation as to location or date was found. See *Churchill Misquoted* on page 239.

It was not included in the Langworth's “red herring” list https://richardlangworth.com/quotes-churchill-never-said-4

Succeed/Fail/Enthusiasm

> Success consists of going from failure to failure without losing your enthusiasm.

Widely attributed to Churchill, but no specific citation as to location or date was found. See *Churchill Misquoted* on page 239. Also attributed to Abraham Lincoln, again without specific citation of date or place.

It was not included in the Langworth's “red herring” list https://richardlangworth.com/quotes-churchill-never-said-4

Nation forgetting past

A nation that forgets its past has no future.

Widely attributed to Churchill's creation, but no reference was found with a specific citation to date or place.

It was not included in the Langworth's “red herring” list
https://richardlangworth.com/quotes-churchill-never-said-4

It may be a condensation of *Santayana*. See page 884.

Shut Mouth Opportunities

Life is fraught with opportunities
to keep your mouth shut.

Again, widely attributed to Churchill, but no specific citation as to location or date was found. See *Churchill Misquoted* on page 239.

It was not included in the Langworth's “red herring” list
https://richardlangworth.com/quotes-churchill-never-said-4

Diplomacy & Hell

Diplomacy is the art of telling people to go to hell
in such a way that they ask for directions.

Again, widely attributed to Churchill, but no specific citation to a location or date was found. It was not included in the Langworth's "red herring" list https://richardlangworth.com/quotes-churchill-never-said-4
See also *Churchill Misquoted* on page 239.

This version: *A diplomat is a person who can tell you to go to hell in such a tactful way that you'll look forward with pleasure to making the trip* appeared without a listed author in the *St. Louis Star-Times,* Missouri November 1937. Other attributions followed for decades after.

Reaching your destination

> You will never reach your destination if you stop and throw stones at every dog that barks.

Churchill did say that in 1923. Before he spoke those words he said *As someone said* ... indicating he was not the creator.

Pessimists & Optimists

> A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity.
> An optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

There is no definitive citation as to when or where Churchill said precisely that. It might have been condensed from what he did say.

> We remember the sardonic war-time joke about the optimist and the pessimist. The optimist was the man who did not mind what happened so long as it did not happen to him. The pessimist was the man who lived with the optimist.

From the article *How Stand Britain and France Since Munich?* printed in the *Daily Telegraph* on December 1, 1938 and reprinted in Churchill's *Step by Step 1936 – 1939* on page 293 of the first edition.

Conviction over Opinion

One man with conviction will overwhelm
a hundred who have only opinions.

From *Churchill speaks: Winston S. Churchill in peace and war: collected speeches, 1897-1963* by Robert Rhodes James (1980).

Success & Failure

Success is not final, failure is not fatal:
it is the courage to continue that counts.

No citation to date or place could be found. It may be a false attribution as described in *Churchill by Himself: The Definitive Collection of Quotations* (2008). See *Appendix I: Red Herrings* on page 579.

Who wrote it first? Perhaps in *The Principles and Progress of English Poetry* by Gayley and Young (1905) which included: [bold italics mine]

Comedy amuses, corrects, and heartens. ***It shows that the vanities of life are not final, and the failures not always fatal.***
From https://quoteinvestigator.com/2013/09/03/success-final/

Strategy & Results

However beautiful the strategy,
you should occasionally look at the results.

Commonly attributed to Churchill, but no specific citation as to date or place could be found. Still, someone said or wrote it and the idea is a good one.

Reported at https://richardlangworth.com/quotatioins [<< misspelling his] and https://winstonchurchill.org/resources/quotes/quotes-falsely-attributed/ See also *Churchill Misquoted* on page 239.

Making Rich & Poor

You don't make the poor richer
by making the rich poorer.

Commonly attributed to Churchill, but no specific citation as to date or place could be found. Still, someone said or wrote it and the idea is a good one. See *Churchill Misquoted* on page 239. Cited as a misquote at https://richardlangworth.com/az-quotes-mangles-churchills-words

Also President Lincoln did NOT say *You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich*. Ronald Reagan increased the popularity of Lincoln's authorship at the 1992 Republican National Convention. See https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/factcheck/2020/08/27/fact-check-quote-helping-poor-misattributed-abraham-lincoln/5633565002/

Life, accepted or changed

Life can either be accepted or changed.
If it is not accepted, it must be changed.
If it cannot be changed, then it must be accepted.

Still a quality thought, but no citation found for Churchill having said it. See *Churchillian Drift* on page 240.

Taxation to Prosperity

> We contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

Churchill liked the bucket analogy and used these words several times. Perhaps the first time was in a speech at Free Trade Hall, Manchester, England, on February 19, 1904. Cited in *Churchill by Himself: In His Own Words* (2013, fourth edition) by Richard M. Langworth. A fifth edition is expected in 2024.

Argue Against 100 Idiots

I'd rather argue against a hundred idiots,
than have one agree with me.

Good thought! Alas, not Churchill's own words. See *Churchill Misquoted* on page 239 and https://richardlangworth.com/az-quotes-mangles-churchills-words

Dual Meaning of Intelligence

Intelligence reports are only useful to the intelligent.

In writing about then Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's failures including his foreign policy of appeasement, signing the Munich Agreement on 30 September 1938 giving Hitler a major win in keeping control of a manufacturing center of Czechoslovakia. Churchill may have been saying so in hindsight and in the 21st century intelligence gathering is a massive task. Separating the wheat from chaff itself is a massive task. No specific attribution was found, but the idea is consonant with his expressed views.

This quote has a significant application to 2013. See https://dnyuz.com/2023/12/16/israel-found-the-hamas-money-machine-years-ago-nobody-turned-it-off/

Eating My Words

> In the course of my life, I have often had to eat my words, and I must confess that I have always found it a wholesome diet.

A direct citation to Churchill was not found, but in 1956 the *Bristol Evening Post* of England reported on a speech by Sir Walter Monckton to students at Colston School (later the Collegiate School) which included an indirect citation. The quote above is similar to the version below. The underlining is mine indicating words absent from the quote.

… after Sir Winston Churchill had been taken to task for saying something quite inconsistent with something he had said years before, he [Churchill] commented: "For 40 years, I have found myself eating my own words, and on the whole I find it a very wholesome diet!"

An Appeaser is ...

An appeaser is one who feeds a crocodile,
hoping it will eat him last.

The above may be a condensation of a speech broadcast by BBC London on January 20, 1940. It was printed in column four on page 30 of the *The New York Times* next day. Churchill was discussing nations still neutral during World War II, then in progress, and without United States direct participation.

Each one hopes that if he feeds the crocodile enough, the crocodile will eat him last. All of them hope that the storm will pass before their turn comes to be devoured. But I fear greatly that the storm will not pass. It will rage and it will roar ever more loudly, ever more widely.

Wasting a Good Crisis

Never let a good crisis go to waste.

No specific attribution to Churchill could be found. This is another example of *Churchillian Drift* (see page 240).

The phrase was attributed to Rahm Emanual in 2008 at the below https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/the-political-art-of-not-wasting-a-crisis-or-getting-wasted-by-it-20200515-p54tej.html

Earlier citations include *Don't Waste a Crisis — Your Patient's or Your Own.* (1976) by M. F. Weiner in *Medical Economics.* Weiner meant that a medical crisis can be used to improve aspects of personality, mental health, or lifestyle.

Churchill Misquoted, often

He was misquoted so often there are books (long ones too) on the topic! See *A Cornucopia of Things Churchill Never Said* (2018) at https://richardlangworth.com/az-quotes-mangles-churchills-words

Langworth's books are the largest sources of Churchill's philosophy, maxims, reflections and ripostes each citing a source. *Red Herrings* are Langworth's version of *Churchillian Drift* (see page 240). Red Herrings are used by several Churchill sites in support of their own lists of things Churchill never said. Langworth supports the use of his work and stated: The more who know the truth, the better for history.

Churchillian Drift

Churchillian Drift was coined by Nigel Rees (1944 – ?) an English writer and broadcaster. The concept was expanded by Churchill historian Richard Langworth describing how famous people are used to improve circulation of what they never said. Langworth's expansion can be found at *Churchillian (or Yogi Berra) Drift: How Quotations are Invented.*

https://richardlangworth.com/drift
Langworth calls such mis-attribution “red herrings”.

For a long list of quotes Churchill didn't say see
https://richardlangworth.com/quotes-churchill-never-said-1
and the three pages after it.

Calvin Coolidge

"Silent Cal" (1872 − 1933), a sobriquet based on his quiet demeanor, was Massachusetts' 48th governor and the 30th President of the United States.

Knowledge & Wisdom

> Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers. It may not be difficult to store up in the mind a vast quantity of facts within a comparatively short time, but the ability to form judgments requires the severe discipline of hard work and the tempering heat of experience and maturity.

From a speech June 3, 1925 to the US Naval Academy and recorded at *Foundations of the Republic* page 237, *The Navy As An Instrument Of Peace.* On line at https://coolidgefoundation.org/resources/the-navy-as-an-instrument-of-peace/ The first words quote *Locksley Hall* by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45362/locksley-hall

Dwight D. Eisenhower

Dwight David Eisenhower (1890 − 1969) was an American military officer and one of only nine people to receive five-star rank. Eisenhower, George Marshall, Douglas MacArthur and Henry "Hap" Arnold were made General of the Army. Arnold would carry the rank to the new US Air Force making him the only five-star to serve in two services. Ernest King, Chester Nimitz and William Leahy were the first fleet admirals in the Navy. William "Bull" Halsey was promoted to Fleet Admiral later in 1945. In 1950 Omar Bradley became the last five-star general and would serve as the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Eisenhower was the 34th President and served from from 1953 to 1961. He may have been the last Republican president who truly embraced democracy. His warning of March 6, 1956 is the first quote below.

(more)

Eisenhower's farewell address included:

> In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the **military-industrial complex**. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/president-dwight-d-eisenhowers-farewell-address

How much of an impact was this short address? A lot. One bit: the address was the source for *Orphan Black* season three's episode titles.

Political party=conspiracy?

> … that if a political party does not have its foundation in the determination a cause that is right and moral, then it is not a political party it is merely a conspiracy to seize power.

From Eisenhower's speech at the 4th Annual Republican Women's National Conference on March 6th, 1956.

https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/remarks-fourth-annual-republican-women-s-national-conference

True: https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/eisenhower-political-party-moral/

Leadership

> You don’t lead by hitting people over the head – that’s assault, not leadership. Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.

Widely attributed to Eisenhower. Only an indirect source was found in *The Ordeal of Power: A political memoir of the Eisenhower Years* (1963) by Emmet John Hughes, an aide and speech writer for President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The quote above is a refinement of Ike's words. See *Ordeal* page 124.

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The quote also appears in *Re-Viewing the Cold War : Domestic Factors and Foreign Policy in the East-West Confrontation* by Patrick M. Morgan (Editor), Keith L. Nelson (Editor). Page 50 of this book refers to Hughes' account of Eisenhower's comment on leadership. On Morgan/Nelson page 65 Hughes is cited as source.

> Now, look, I happen to know a little about leadership. I've had to work with a lot of nations, for that matter at odds with each other. And I tell you this: ***you do not lead by hitting people over the head. Any damn fool can do that, but it's usually called 'assault' – not 'leadership'...I'll tell you what leadership is. It's persuasion – and conciliation - and patience.*** It's long, slow, tough work. That's the only sort of leadership I know or believe in - or will practice.

[bold italics mine]

Planning

> In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.

The quote above is a generalized (no pun intended) version of a phrase Eisenhower used at least twice. On December 31, 1950 Eisenhower wrote to diplomat Hamilton Fish Armstrong in which he ascribed the saying to an anonymous soldier.

> . . . I always remember the observation of a very successful soldier who said, "***Peace-time plans are of no particular value, but peace-time planning is indispensable***." [bold italics mine]

Memorialized in *The Papers of Dwight David Eisenhower* (1984).

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In November 1957 he again referred to another as the author.

> I tell this story to illustrate the truth of the statement I heard long ago in the Army: ***Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.*** [bold italics mine]

Said in his remarks at the National Defense Executive Reserve Conference on November 14, 1957. Memorialized in the *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1957* (1958). See also *Public papers of the presidents of the United States : Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1960-61: Containing the public messages and statements of the president, January 1, 1960 to January 20, 1961* 1,222 pages at https://archive.org/details/publicpapersofpr0000dwig

Book Burners

> Don't join the book burners. Don't think you are going to conceal faults by concealing the evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid to go into your library and read every book.

During the first year of his presidency he spoke those words during a commencement address at Dartmouth College on June 14, 1953.

Gowron

A fictional character in the *Star Trek Universe,* Gowron, then Chancellor of the Klingon Empire, gave a great line during an awards ceremony. It wasn't so much as full of meaning as it exemplified an aspect of Klingon culture, the pursuit of glory.

That is was glory in combat didn't need to be said. Such glory also reflected on your house, the familial grouping, not the building.

See *Glory to You* on page 1042.

Ulysses S. Grant

Hiram Ulysses Grant (1822 − 1885) was a military officer, then acting United States Secretary of War (1867-1868), then commanding general of the Union Army which he led to victory in their effort to preserve the Union during the American Civil War that ended in 1865. From 1869 to 1877 he served as the 18th president of the United States.

Contest and Our National Existence

> If we are to have another contest in the near future of our national existence, I predict that the dividing line will not be Mason's and Dixon's, but between patriotism and intelligence on one side, and superstition, ambition, and ignorance on the other.

(more)

From a speech President Grant gave at the annual reunion of the *Society of the Army of the Tennessee* at Des Moines, Iowa on 29 September 1875, 10 years after the end of the Civil War

The speech in full is on line at
https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/documents/remarks-the-ninth-annual-meeting-the-army-the-tennessee-des-moines-iowa

King Henry II of England

Henry II (1133 − 1189) was King of England from 1154 to 1189. Henry II was a generally good king who had both his chancellor and the archbishop murdered. He was succeeded by his son Richard I perhaps better known as *Richard the Lionheart*.

Rid Me Of

Will no one rid me of this turbulent priest?

Some citations use *meddlesome* instead of *turbulent*. Although not a direct order, four knights traveled from Normandy to Canterbury, and, in 1170, killed Archbishop Thomas Becket, also known as Saint Thomas of Canterbury, Thomas of London, and also known as Thomas à Becket. (more)

The meaning of the words used above is clearer, but the actual quote may have been much longer. See https://www.historyextra.com/period/medieval/will-no-one-rid-me-of-this-meddlesome-priest-truth-henry-ii-quote/

The idea that killing one will stop a movement by many has existed a very long time with examples before the execution of Jesus Christ. Yet the tighter one grips a handful of sand the more seeps through the fingers. Such tactics seldom succeed in the goal of eradicating an ephemeral idea. The death of Aleksei Navalny (see page 818) in early 2024 brings the sad reiteration of dictators trying to remove impediments to power.

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover (1895 − 1972) was appointed by President Coolidge to serve as director of the Bureau of Investigation in 1924. Hoover was about 30 years old. Later renamed the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Hoover would serve as director until his death in 1972.

Great American crime

> The great American crime is toleration of conditions which permit and promote prejudice, bigotry, injustice, terror and hate.

He said that in 1947 to a civil rights committee convened by President Harry Truman. Quote appears in the ninth paragraph at https://lawliberty.org/book-review/j-edgar-hoovers-american-century/

Hubert Horatio Humphrey

Hubert Horatio Humphrey Jr. (1911 − 1978) was a pharmacist and politician. He served two non-consecutive terms in the US Senate, serving Minnesota from 1949 to 1964 and 1971 to 1978. From 1965 to 1969 he served as 38th vice president of the United States.

Right to be heard/seriously

> The right to be heard does not automatically include the right to be taken seriously.

Widely attributed to Humphrey and from *Michael Moncur's (Cynical) Quotations*, searchable via http://www.quotationspage.com

Moral Test of Government

> The moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped.

Humphrey at the dedication of the Hubert Humphrey Building on November 1, 1977 in Washington, DC as cited in the Chicago Tribune. https://www.chicagotribune.com/opinion/editorials/ct-disabled-illinois-care-rauner-edit-1127-jm-20161125-story.html The Tribune cites the same date, but in 1976.

Sometimes attributed to Ghandi, but the words cannot be found in his surviving writings. See Du Bois on page 593.

Lyndon B. Johnson

Lyndon Baines Johnson (1908 − 1973), often called by his initials (LBJ), was an American politician who:

represented Texas
in the US House of Representatives (1937 – 1949);
in the US Senate (1949–1961);

served as vice president of the United States (1961 − 1963);

and with the death of John F. Kennedy, became the 36th president of the United States.

To Smothers Brothers

> It is part of the price of leadership of this great and free nation to be the target of clever satirists. You have given the gift of laughter to our people. May we never grow so somber or self-important that we fail to appreciate the humor in our lives.

Note by President Lyndon Baines Johnson
to the Smothers Brothers in early 1969.

True: https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/lbj-smothers-brothers/

John F. Kennedy

John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917 − 1963) was often referred to as "Jack" or just his initials. Prior to America's entry into WWII he attempted to join the US Army, but his health disqualified him.

With some political maneuvering he joined the US Naval Reserve, first serving in the Office of Naval Intelligence then with Motor Torpedo (PT) Boats. The Secretary of the Navy awarded to him the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his actions following the loss of PT-109 in the Pacific.

He represented the Massachusetts 11th District in the US House of Representatives (1947 – 1953), served as US Senator from Massachusetts (1953–1960), and as the 35th President from January 20, 1961 until he was assassinated on November 22, 1963.

Ignorance of one voter

The ignorance of
one voter in a democracy
impairs the security of all.

Remarks at the 90th Anniversary Convocation of Vanderbilt University, May 18, 1963 in Nashville Tennessee.

https://www.jfklibrary.org/archives/other-resources/john-f-kennedy-speeches/vanderbilt-university-19630518

Enemy of truth is myth

And

Comfort of Opinion

> The great enemy of the truth is very often not the lie — deliberate, contrived and dishonest — but the myth — persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic.
>
> Belief in myths allows the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.

Commencement address at Yale University June 11, 1962, New Haven, Connecticut. The whole speech is available at: https://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/jfkyalecommencement.htm

US is not …

> We must face the fact that the United States is neither omnipotent nor omniscient, that we cannot impose our will upon the other 94 percent of mankind, that we cannot right every wrong or reverse every adversity, and that therefore there cannot be an American solution to every world problem.

From a speech at University of Washington's Centennial Convocation on November 16, 1961. The context and more of the speech on line at https://www.historylink.org/File/968

Let people judge

> … a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people.

Kennedy on the 20th Anniversary of the Voice of America on February 26, 1962 at the Health, Education, and Welfare Building, Washington, D.C.

https://www.americanrhetoric.com/speeches/jfkvoiceofamerica.htm

Man Made Man Solved

> Our problems are man made, therefore, they can be solved by man. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings. Man's reason and spirit have often solved the seemingly unsolvable, and we believe they can do it again.

Kennedy speaking on June 10, 1963 at American University, Washington, DC during their commencement.
https://www.jfklibrary.org/archives/other-resources/john-f-kennedy-speeches/american-university-19630610

Accepting Challenge

> We choose to go to Moon … in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy but because they are hard; because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one we intend to win, and the others, too.

From a speech at Rice University September 12, 1962.

https://www.nasa.gov/history/60-years-ago-president-kennedy-reaffirms-moon-landing-goal-in-rice-university-speech/

Robert F. Kennedy

Robert Francis Kennedy (1925 − 1968), known by RFK and "Bobby", was a lawyer and politician. He served as the 64th US Attorney General (1961 − 1964) and as a U. S. senator from New York from January 1965 until his death in 1968.

Stopping history

> There are people in every time and every land who want to stop history in its tracks. They fear the future, mistrust the present and invoke the security of a comfortable past, which in fact never existed.

(more)

From *The Opening to the Future* at the California Institute of Technology. He also bemoaned the manner of American involvement in other countries. “Far too often, for narrow tactical reasons, this country has associated itself with tyrannical and unpopular regimes that had no following and no future.”

True: https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/robert-f-kennedy-history-tracks-future/

Available as a 6-page PDF from the Department of Justice https://www.justice.gov/sites/default/files/ag/legacy/2011/01/20/06-08-1964.pdf

GNP measures ….

Yet the gross national product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages, the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials.

It measures neither our wit nor our courage, neither our wisdom nor our learning, neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country.

It measures everything, in short,
except that which makes life worthwhile.

(bolding mine, attribution on next page)

From his speech on March 18, 1968 at the University of Kansas.

The whole speech in on line at

https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/about-jfk/the-kennedy-family/robert-f-kennedy/robert-f-kennedy-speeches/remarks-at-the-university-of-kansas-march-18-1968

William Lamb

William Lamb (1779 – 1848), the 2nd Viscount Melbourne, served the United Kingdom as Leader of the House of Lords, Home Secretary, and two terms as Prime Minister.

See *Forgotten by too many* on page 1036.

Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln (1809 − 1865) was also known as *Honest Abe* and *The Great Emancipator.*

He served as America's 16th president (1861 – 1865), preserved the Union during the Civil War, and emancipated enslaved people.

He wrote several excellent presidential speeches including the famously brief *Gettysburg Address* and *A House Divided*.

Deception and Fraud

> You may fool all the people some of the time; you can even fool some of the people all the time; but you can't fool all of the people all the time.

Lincoln may have said that, but he was far from first. In *Traité de la Vérité de la Religion Chrétienne* (1684) by Jacques Abbadie, in chapter two he wrote:

> One can fool some men, or fool all men in some places and times, but one cannot fool all men in all places and ages.

Danger! Abridged Liberties

> I fear you do not fully comprehend the danger of abridging the liberties of the people. Nothing but the very sternest necessity can ever justify it. A government had better go to the very extreme of toleration, than to do aught that could be construed into an interference with, or to jeopardize in any degree, the common rights of its citizens.

From *State Papers: 1861-1865* a book of President Lincoln's writings, copyrighted 1907 and reprinted in 2018. The quote is reportedly in a letter to Henry Clay Whitney (1831–1905), a lawyer and close friend. Later Whitney would write biographical material on President Lincoln. On line at https://archive.org/details/statepapers1861100linc

Greatness & Anger

You can tell the greatness of a man
by what makes him angry.

A good thought and often attributed to Lincoln, but a specific citation was not found even at https://papersofabrahamlincoln.org/ Nor is there support for President Lincoln saying “If you want to test a man's character, give him power.”

It may have been American politician Robert Green Ingersoll (1833 − 1899) writing about Lincoln. (more)

The Wisconsin State Journal issue of January 16, 1883 cites Ingersoll: “If you want to find out what a man is to the bottom, give him power. Any man can stand adversity — only a great man can stand prosperity. It is the glory of Abraham Lincoln that he never abused power [except] only on the side of mercy.”

https://media.snopes.com/2019/09/Wisconsin_State_Journal_Tue__Jan_16__1883_.pdf

[‘except’ is apparently absent from the *Wisconsin State Journal* cited above. ‘except’ appears in the Ingersoll text cited below]

Similar words can be found in Ingersoll's *Abraham Lincoln, A Lecture* (1895) “Nothing discloses real character like the use of power. It is easy for the weak to be gentle. Most people can bear adversity. But if you wish to know what a man really is, give him power. This is the supreme test. It is the glory of Lincoln that, having almost absolute power, he never abused it, except on the side of mercy.”

https://archive.org/details/abrahamlincolnle00inge/page/52

This phrase is also found in the *Works of Robert G. Ingersoll* (1902) volume III https://www.gutenberg.org/files/38803/38803-h/38803-h.htm

Some of the above was adapted from Reuters https://www.reuters.com/article/factcheck-abrahamlincoln-power/fact-check-test-a-mans-character-quote-misattributed-to-abraham-lincoln-idUSL1N2PA1V7

People rightful masters

> We the people are the rightful masters of both Congress and the courts, not to overthrow the Constitution but to overthrow the men who pervert the Constitution.

The *Abraham Lincoln Papers* at the Library of Congress show these words among notes in which Lincoln developed how to best articulate his policy on slavery, his positions on popular sovereignty, and the Dred Scott decision.

(more)

From Lincoln's December 2, 1859 speech to an overflow crowd in the Methodist Church Auditorium, Atchison Kansas. He spoke for two hours and twenty minutes.

See *Phoenix Journal Express*, September 1991, Volume 16, Number 3, on pages 4-5.

Much of those words were used at the more famous speech he gave February 27, 1860 at the Cooper Union in New York. This quote wasn't in the Cooper Union speech.

https://abrahamlincoln.org/features/speeches-writings/abraham-lincoln-quotes/

http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/cooper.htm

Freedom and Liberty

Those who deny freedom to others
deserve it not for themselves.

From a letter to Henry L. Pierce & others on April 6, 1859 wherein Lincoln declined an invitation to speak at a birthday celebration honoring former President Jefferson. Lincoln praised Jefferson's foresight and wisdom evident in planting an abstract truth in the Declaration of Independence "all men are created equal" hence applicable to all men and all times. The Declaration starts the second paragraph with:

We hold these truths to be self-evident,
that all men are created equal ...

http://www.abrahamlincolnonline.org/lincoln/speeches/pierce.htm

Tail & Leg

> How many legs does a dog have if you call the tail a leg?
> Four. Calling a tail a leg doesn’t make it a leg.

Lincoln did use the above about 1862, but he wasn't the first to use a riddle with that format.

In April 1825 Massachusetts' *Berkshire Star* published a set of “Legislative Anecdotes” on page 3 in column 3 and 4. The *Star* acknowledged the *Washington County Post* of New York as their source. They had a similar riddle with different animals and parts, otherwise the same. https://quoteinvestigator.com/2015/11/15/legs/

Responsibility of tomorrow

You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today.

On July 22, 1862, President Lincoln read a draft of the *The Emancipation Proclamation* to his chief advisors and cabinet. He would issue it after the Union Army achieved a substantial military victory. That was the Battle of Antietam in September 22, 1862. The quote is found *Lincoln 365: A Primer in Patriotism as Lived by Abraham Lincoln* (2011) by Arnold Kunst and at https://www.historynet.com/abraham-lincoln-quotes/

That preliminary version of *The Emancipation Proclamation* is available at https://www.archives.gov/exhibits/american_originals_iv/sections/transcript_preliminary_emancipation.html

Dogmas of the Quiet Past

> The dogmas of the quiet past, are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise – with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew.

President Lincoln in his Second Annual message to Congress on December 1st, 1862.

https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches/december-1-1862-second-annual-message

Nelson Mandela

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (1918 − 2013) the first Black president of South Africa (1994 – 1999). His negotiations with South African President de Klerk helped end the country's apartheid system of racial segregation and ushered in a peaceful transition to majority rule. In 1993 Mandela and de Klerk were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace.

The full form of the quote below is cited in *15 Nelson Mandela Quotes* by Encyclopedia Britannica and fact checked by their editors. https://www.britannica.com/list/nelson-mandela-quotes

Courage - Triumph

> I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear. [this is the full form]

Often cited in an abbreviated form:

> Courage is not the absence of fear,
> but the ability to triumph over it.

Mandela may have been influenced by Franklin D. Roosevelt who said “Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear.” (see page 294)

Our Light Shine

> And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

From Mandela's book *Long Walk to Freedom* (1994).

Decades earlier the phrase was associated with Marianne Deborah Williamson (1952 – ?) an American author, speaker, political candidate, activist, and spiritual leader of the *Church of Today*, a Unity Church in Warren, Michigan.

Golda Meir

Golda Meir (1898 − 1978) was an Israeli politician. In 1956 she was appointed foreign minister and Hebraized her surname from Myerson to Meir. She served as the fourth prime minister of Israel from 1969 to 1974 which included October 1973 and the *Yom Kippur War*, fourth Arab-Israeli war.

Don't Erase The Past

> One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present

See page 231, line 10 in her autobiography *My Life* (1975)
https://archive.org/details/mylifemeir00meir 504 pages

William Pitt

"The Elder" (1708 − 1778) was Earl of Chatham, a British statesman, and twice "virtual" prime minister who saw the transformation of Great Britain into an imperial power. Virtual because he had the power, but Britain didn't yet have such a post.

Unlimited Power > Corruption & Tyranny

> Unlimited power is apt to corrupt the minds of those who posses it; and this I know, my lords: that where law ends, tyranny begins.

(more)

From a speech in the House of Lords January 9, 1770 as quoted in *William Pitt, The Speeches of the Right Honourable the Earl of Chatham in the Houses of Lords and Commons: With a Biographical Memoir and Introductions and Explanatory Notes to the Speeches* (1848), page numbered 94 near the bottom. Page 116 of the entire 199 pages presented at https://archive.org/details/speechesrightho00pittgoog

See also https://www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings/william-pitt-unlimited-power-corrupts-the-possessor

Sometimes ascribed to David Mitchell author of *Cloud Atlas* (2004) who wrote "Unlimited power in the hands of limited people always leads to cruelty." Which is similar to Pitt's writing over two centuries earlier.

Ronald Reagan

Ronald Wilson Reagan (1911 − 2004) was a movie actor whose jaunty affability, folksy charm, and fervent anticommunism, won him an election to become the 40th president of the United States (1981–1989). His oration skill earned him the title "the Great Communicator". His policies have been credited with contributing to the demise of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Peace vs Conflict

Peace is not the absence of conflict,
but the ability to cope with conflict by peaceful means.

From a commencement address at Eureka College May 9, 1982.
https://www.reaganfoundation.org/ronald-reagan/reagan-quotes-speeches/commencement-address-eureka-college/

Franklin Delano Roosevelt

FDR (1882 − 1945) served as the 32nd president of the United States from 1933 until his death in 1945. He was the only president to serve FOUR terms.

Roosevelt was President during most of the Great Depression. His "New Deal" responded to the worst American economic crisis in history. His last two terms mostly involved World War II.

He married Theodore Roosevelt's niece, Eleanor.

Test of Progress

> The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have little.

FDR's Second Inaugural address on January 20, 1937.

https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches/january-20-1937-second-inaugural-address
(includes audio of the speech)

Selfish Men

> We must especially beware of that small group of selfish men who would clip the wings of the American Eagle in order to feather their own nests.

From President Franklin Roosevelt's Annual Message to Congress in January 6, 1941, before America's entry into World War II, but well after the 1938 Nazi occupation of Sudetenland and the 1939 invasion of Poland.

The speech is also known as *The Four Freedoms*. On line at https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/president-franklin-roosevelts-annual-message-to-congress

Courage – Fear

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the assessment that something else is more important than fear.

Widely attributed to FDR but a specific date and place was not found.

Kindness Does Not Weaken

Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the fiber of a free people. A nation does not have to be cruel in order to be tough. The vigorous expression of our American community spirit is truly important. The ancient injunction to love thy neighbor as thyself is still the force that animates our faith—a faith that we are determined shall live and conquer *in a world poisoned by hatred and ravaged by war.* [italics mine]

President Roosevelt during a radio address for the *Mobilization for Human Needs* on October 13, 1940.
http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/daybyday/event/october-1940-10/

Hose Help

When your neighbor's home catches fire
you don't quibble about lending your hose.

The above is one of several variants with a simple meaning that when your neighbor's fire is next to your own home it is in your best interest to extinguish the fire over there. In comparison the cost of the hose is less than trivial. Don't dawdle, don't dither, don't delay, just do it.

What FDR actually said was:

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Suppose my neighbor's home catches fire, and I have a length of garden hose four or five hundred feet away. If he can take my garden hose and connect it up with his hydrant, I may help him to put out his fire … I don't say to him before that operation, "Neighbor, my garden hose cost me $15; you have to pay me $15 for it." ... I don't want $15 -- I want my garden hose back after the fire is over.

In 1934 the Johnson Debt-Default Act required the United States to trade with any warring nation in cash. The Lend Lease bill (HR 1776) gave the president broad powers to "sell, transfer title to, exchange, lease, lend or otherwise dispose of" items to other countries if he decided they were not vital to our own national security. Roosevelt said doing so made the United State "the great arsenal of democracy".

The text of the December 17, 1940 press conference can be found at http://docs.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/odllpc2.html

Theodore Roosevelt

Theodore Roosevelt (1858 − 1919) served in the US Army and saw service in the Spanish-American War as a “Rough Rider”. He was a writer, a naturalist, and vice president to President William McKinley from March 4, 1901 to September 14, 1901 when McKinley was assassinated. Teddy was the nation's 26th president from 1901 to 1909.

While president he expanded executive powers and that of the federal government in support of the public interest in conflicts between big business and labor. He steered the nation toward an active role in world politics. His niece Eleanor married Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Teddy won the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1906 for mediating an end to the Russo-Japanese War (1904–1905). He also secured the route and started construction of the Panama Canal (1904–1914).

None are above the law

No man is above the law and no man is below it:
nor do we ask any man's permission
when we ask him to obey it.

From President Roosevelt's *Third Annual Message To the Senate and House of Representatives* on December 7, 1903.

https://millercenter.org/the-presidency/presidential-speeches/december-7-1903-third-annual-message

No criticism of president

> To announce that there must be no criticism of the president, or that we are to stand by the president, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American Public.

Snopes TRUE:
http://www.snopes.com/theodore-roosevelt-on-criticizing-the-president/

Politics of Decency

The most practical kind of politics
is the politics of decency.

Then Vice President Roosevelt in his remarks to Harvard and Yale undergraduates invited to Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, Long Island, June 1901. Cited in *The Roosevelt Family of Sagamore Hill* by Hermann Hagedorn (1954) on page 112. Sagamore Hill was the Roosevelt home from 1885 until his death in 1919.

https://www.nps.gov/sahi/index.htm

Patriotism/stand by country

Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official, save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country.

It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country. In either event, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth, whether about the president or anyone else.

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Roosevelt wrote that in an essay entitled *Lincoln and Free Speech,* originally published in *Metropolitan Magazine* in May 1918.

The full essay is available at
https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uva.x030708290&view=2up&seq=4&size=125

also
The Great Adventure Present-day Studies in American Nationalism. Roosevelt (1918) available on line at
https://archive.org/details/greatadventurep01roosgoog

also
https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/teddy-roosevelt-patriotic-quote/

Complaining vs Whining

Complaining about a problem
without posing a solution
is called whining.

Widely attributed to Teddy, but no specific citation was found.

Note: Reporting a problem is not complaining. The difference is between providing information vs emotional expression.

Eleanor Roosevelt

Anna Eleanor Roosevelt (1884 − 1962) was the wife of FDR, not "Teddy", Roosevelt. No wallflower, she was a political figure, diplomat, and activist. She holds a record that will remain unbroken, the longest term as first lady of the United States from 1933 to 1945.

Minds – Great & other

> Great minds discuss ideas.
> Mediocre minds discuss events.
> Small minds discuss people.

Eleanor Roosevelt is the widely attributed author, but without citation. She wasn't the first (see next page). Similar words have been ascribed to philosopher Socrates and Admiral Hyman Rickover, U.S. Navy.

(more)

Perhaps the shorter version shown was distilled from an autobiography.

As a child Charles Stewart listened to the conversation of dinner guests including Henry Thomas Buckle, a scholar of history. From: *Haud Immemor: Reminiscences of Legal and Social Life in Edinburgh and London 1850-1900* by Charles Stewart (published in 1901, Eleanor was about 17, married in 1905). On page 33 Stewart wrote what Buckle said:

> Men and women range themselves into three classes or orders of intelligence; you can tell the lowest class by their habit of always talking about persons; the next by the fact that their habit is always to converse about things; the highest by their preference for the discussion of ideas.

The *Reminiscences* is available on line at https://archive.org/details/haudimmemorremin00stew 206 pages

Joseph V. Stalin

Born Ioseb Besarionis dze Jughashvili (~1878 − 1953), then Iosif Vissarionovich Stalin, and anglicized to Joseph Stalin.

He served multiple roles during the 25 years he dictatorially ruled the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).

He industrialized the USSR, forcibly controlled its agriculture, used intensive domestic police terror, helped defeat Germany in WWII, and extended Soviet control over a barrier belt of eastern European states. He removed the remnants of freedom and created a massive military-industrial complex leading the Soviet Union to the nuclear age.

Who decides

Those who cast the votes decide nothing.
Those who count the votes decide everything.

No exact citation was found. This is close:

> I consider it completely unimportant who in the party will vote, or how; but what is extraordinarily important is this—who will count the votes, and how.

Reported in *The Memoirs of Stalin's Former Secretary* by Boris Bazhanov (1992). Bazhanov was Stalin's personal secretary from August 1923 to 1925. In 1928 Bazhanov defected from the Soviet Union.

[With our poor voting security we should remember this.]

Adlai Stevenson

Adlai Stevenson II (1900 − 1965) was governor of Illinois and became a presidential candidate when President Truman decided against a second term in 1952.

At that time anti-Communism was used as a cloak against critical thinking, history, centuries old fine art, women, people of color, and voting rights, creating the *Climate of Fear* (shown below).

In early 2000 similar negative actions were taken under cloak of anti-Terrorism.

Climate of fear

> The tragedy of our day is the climate of fear in which we live and fear breeds repression. Too often sinister threats to the Bill of Rights, to freedom of the mind, are concealed under the cloak of anti-Communism.

The quote can be found in *The Nature of Patriotism* the text of his *Address to the American Legion Convention,* Madison Square Garden, New York City on August 27, 1952.

Available on line
https://adlaitoday.org/articles/think3_patriotism_08-27-52.pdf
(6 page PDF) Also see *Murrow on McCarthyism* on page 809.

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The Context

The words above may not convey the level of national turmoil during McCarthyism. Better at that is the 2012 article *To be a patriot: Adlai Stevenson, McCarthyism and a message for Independence Day.* The article describes the context, the courage, and . . .

… of the need to rise above the human penchant for fierce, but shallow posturing and thoughtlessness – that Stevenson would charge straight into the headwinds of the "Red Scare" and Joseph McCarthy's reign of terror.

Going before the American Legion convention in August 1952, he dispensed with the usual paeans to patriotism that politicians give – and challenged Americans to a higher standard of "patriot".

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Also in that article is this:

It is important to note that **almost every politician in the early 1950s was seeking to embrace the cause of zealotry**, to protect them from McCarthy's accusations if nothing else. Senate critics of McCarthy's rhetoric and tactics, like Millard Tydings and William Benton, were ousted from office, and their careers ended, in large part due to McCarthy's public condemnations. [bolding mine]

Even Hubert Humphrey, a lifelong crusader for Civil Rights, felt he had to sponsor a bill in the United States Senate that banned the Communist Party.

For the Democratic Party's nominee [Stevenson] for President to not only refuse to join the witch-hunt, but openly condemn it, took guts.

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Even the hero of D-Day [President Eisenhower] was unwilling to risk political backlash by opposing “Tail Gunner Joe” [Senator McCarthy's self-anointed sobriquet] until McCarthy’s fall from grace was well underway.

And this:

On this Independence Day, as we celebrate our country and put our patriotism on display, it is worth remembering the words that Adlai E. Stevenson spoke 60 years ago.

His challenge to America – to embrace **a patriotism anchored in love and vigilance, not hate and convenience** – rings as true today as it did in some of the darkest moments of our history.

Here, indeed, was a true American patriot.

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The article is still well worth reading in full:

https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2012/7/4/1106110/-To-be-a-patriot-Adlai-Stevenson-McCarthyism-and-a-message-for-Independence-Day

Retrieved 9/11/2022

T'Challa

After the assassination of his father, King T'Chaka, T'Challa became king of the African nation *Wakanda*. Their capabilities had been hidden from the world. The King is also the *Black Panther*, superpowered protector of the people. The story is fiction as are the characters.

Building Bridges vs Barriers

> ... in times of crisis the wise build bridges, while the foolish build barriers. We must find a way to look after one another, as if we were one single tribe.

Black Panther (2018), part of the *Marvel Cinematic Universe* (MCU) inspired by Marvel comics featuring the *Black Panther* in other titles starting July-August 1966. See https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1825683/quotes

Harry S. Truman

Harry S. Truman (1884 − 1972) was a US senator representing Missouri (1935 to January 1945) and vice president to Franklin D. Roosevelt (January 1945 to April 1945). When Roosevelt died Truman became our 33rd president from 1945 to 1953.

Buck Stops Here

On his desk President Truman had a sign *The Buck Stops Here*. It represented his deep embrace of his responsibilities as the President of the United States.

See next page for meaning. The sign has two sides. See both at https://www.trumanlibrary.gov/education/trivia/buck-stops-here-sign

What is a buck?

In this use a “buck” is a marker. There are several histories. A buck would be placed on the meal table at the place for that person to say a pre-meal prayer.

Another buck is used in games involving the dealing of cards. A player would deal one hand and “pass the buck” to the next player to deal. The player could decline the deal and the responsibility would fall on the next player. Modern games have a small disk that simply says “Dealer”.

Thus arose another meaning: where *buck passing*, or *passing the buck* was, regardless of actual responsibility, attributing the act to a another person or organization. Sadly this is frequent in politics.

Democrats help people

> Democrats work to help people who need help. That other party, they work for people who don't need help. That's all there is to it.

Generally attributed to Truman, but no specific citation was found. Not even at https://www.trumanlibraryinstitute.org/truman/truman-quotes/

Woodrow Wilson

Thomas Woodrow Wilson (1856 − 1924) was president of Princeton University and governor of New Jersey before being elected to become the 28th president of the United States from 1913 to 1921.

Organized common peace

> There must be, not a balance of power, but a community of power; not organized rivalries but an organized common peace. I am proposing … that no nation should seek to extend its polity over any other nation or people, but that every people should be left free to determine its own polity, its own way of development, unhindered, unthreatened, unafraid, the little along with the great and powerful.

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President Wilson to the Senate January 22, 1917 before entering World War I. The whole speech is on line at:

http://www-personal.umd.umich.edu/~ppennock/doc-Wilsonpeace.htm

General or Flag Officers

Smedley Darlington Butler

In the United States Marine Corps, Smedley Darlington Butler (1881 − 1940) rose to major general when that was the highest rank. He received two Medals of Honor for actions in Mexico 1914 and Haiti 1917. He was also director of Philadelphia's Department Safety in 1932. In 1935 he wrote a very short book with observations that continue to be true almost a century later.

The quote below are the opening lines from his book *War is a Racket* (1935). All 14 pages are available at https://archive.org/details/WarIsARacket

War is a Racket

WAR is a racket. It always has been. It is possibly the oldest, easily the most profitable, surely the most vicious. It is the only one international in scope. It is the only one in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives. A racket is best described, I believe, as something that is not what it seems to the majority of the people. Only a small “inside” group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few, at the expense of the very many. Out of war a few people make huge fortunes.

Claire Chennault

Major General Claire Lee Chennault (1893 − 1958) led American Volunteer Group (AVG), better known as the *Flying Tigers,* in the Chine-Burma-India (CBI) theater of operations during World War II. Early in the war the Curtiss P-40 *Warhawk* fighter aircraft often went head-to-head with the Japanese Mitsubishi A6M *Zero.* The Zero was considered master of the sky.

1<3 to 2>6

One P40 against one Zero is outnumbered 3 to 1
but two P40s can beat any six Zeros.

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Coordinated teamwork is more than linearly additive.

Tactics were developed pitting P40 strengths against the few weaknesses of the Zeros. Later in the war new aircraft were introduced and improved allied air power. The quote is attributed to Chennault but no citation could be found for him or Major Gregory "Greg" Boyington, USMC, then commander of Marine Fixed-Wing Fighter squadron, VMF-214, the "Black Sheep".

Way of a Fighter: The Memoirs of Claire Lee Chennault
All 414 pages are on line at
https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.506335

A good comparison of the Warhawk and the Zero can be found at
https://www.chuckhawks.com/p-40_vs_zero.htm

John Paul Jones

John Paul (1747 − 1792) was born in Scotland and later added "Jones". He came to "the colonies" as a merchant sailor and sided with the colonists when the revolution started. Perhaps his greatest single victory was over the stronger British *Serapis* in 1779.

He is generally considered the father of America's Navy.

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A Naval Officer

It is by no means enough that an officer of the Navy should be a capable mariner. He must be that, of course, but also a great deal more. He should be as well a gentleman of liberal education, refined manners, punctilious courtesy, and the nicest sense of personal honor.

He should be the soul of tact, patience, justice, firmness, kindness, and charity. No meritorious act of a subordinate should escape his attention or be left to pass without its reward, even if the reward is only a word of approval.

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> Conversely, he should not be blind to a single fault in any subordinate, though at the same time, he should be quick and unfailing to distinguish error from malice, thoughtlessness from incompetency, and well meant shortcomings from heedless or stupid blunder.
>
> In one word, every commander should keep constantly before him the great truth, that to be well obeyed, he must be perfectly esteemed.

The above statement has long been attributed to Jones, but may have been written by Augustus C. Buell per

https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/John_Paul_Jones

William H. McRaven

Rising to 4-star admiral, William Harry McRaven (1955 – ?) served in the US Navy's special warfare community, the SEALs. He later served as Chancellor of The University of Texas System from 2015 to 2018.

Heart, not Flippers

> If you want to change the world, measure a person by the size of their heart, not the size of their flippers.

From his commencement address to the University of Texas' graduating class of 2014. The whole speech is available on line at https://www.englishspeecheschannel.com/downloads/william-h-mcraven/ or hear him at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxBQLFLei70

George Patton

General George Smith Patton, Jr. (1885 – 1945) started his military career at Virginia Military Institute and the United States Military Academy at West Point. He was a pentathlete in the 1912 Summer Olympics in Stockholm, Sweden. Over his career he commanded tank brigades, cavalry regiments, an armored division, II Corps, and the Third, Seventh, and Fifteenth United States Armies. For more see https://www.military.com/history/2021/08/05/11-general-george-patton-quotes-show-his-strategic-awesomeness.html

Monuments to Stupidity

Fixed fortifications
are a monument to the stupidity of man.

Quoted in *50 Military Leaders Who Changed the World* (2007) by William Weir, on page 173. Available at https://archive.org/details/50militaryleader0000weir_e7y3

Profanity for a purpose

> When I want my men to remember something important, to really make it stick, I give it to them double dirty. It may not sound nice to some bunch of little old ladies at an afternoon tea party, but it helps my soldiers to remember. You can't run an army without profanity; and it has to be eloquent profanity. An army without profanity couldn't fight its way out of a piss-soaked paper bag. … As for the types of comments I make, sometimes I just, By God, get carried away with my own eloquence.

In a remark to his nephew about his copious profanity, as quoted in *The Unknown Patton* (1983) by Charles M. Province, on pages 26 and 27 available at https://archive.org/details/unknownpatton0000prov

Colin Powell

Colin Luther Powell (1937 − 2021) was an Army officer for 35 years, rising to four-star general. His last assignment was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Then he served as the National Security Advisor, then as the 65th Secretary of State.

Leaders are Simplifiers

> Great leaders are almost always great simplifiers, who can cut through argument, debate, and doubt to offer a solution everybody can understand.

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This is an extension of a military acronym KISS for *Keep It Simple, Stupid*. Shed all but the lean core. Remove clutter and buzzwords. If you need the clutter move it to an appendix.

No direct attribution was found, but Powell is widely cited as the author including in this *Forbes Magazine* article:

https://www.forbes.com/sites/johngreathouse/2019/01/16/general-colin-powells-leadership-precepts-entrepreneurs-should-lead-not-manage

Powell's 13 rules were first published in *Parade* magazine on August 13, 1989. The magazine is gone and the 13 have grown. More quotes attributed to Powell https://govleaders.org/powell.htm

Powell would have appreciated how Mrs. Roosevelt simplified something 50 words long to 12. See page 305.

Humanities & Science

Some of the quotes in the
Others Real & Fictional section starting on page 546
could fit here too.

Hannah Arendt

Johanna Arendt (1906 − 1975) was born in Linden in what is now a united Germany. She was a German American historian, philosopher, and social critic.

Her most famous works described the nature of wealth, power, and evil, politics and totalitarianism. Her *The Origins of Totalitarianism and Truth and Politics* (1951) described how propaganda and misinformation don't just spread lies—they create confusion so people stop believing anything at all. All 554 pages are available https://archive.org/details/TheOriginsOfTotalitarianism/

Many popular quotes are attributed to her but are not from her.

Death of Empathy Leads to Barbarism

> The death of human empathy is one of the earliest and most telling signs of a culture about to fall into barbarism.

It sounds like what she has written. The quote is cited in https://essayx.substack.com/p/the-death-of-human-empathy-and-the and in many other places, but no source was found.

The content of the quote is more important than the source.

Vulgarity + Cowardice Lead To Barbarism

[a] mixture of vulgarity and cowardice, [are] the surest signs of barbarism.

Arendt was citing a September 12, 1899 letter from H. B. von Buelow, the German charge d'affaires at Paris, to Reichchancellor Hohenlohe that the verdict at Rennes (see next paragraph) was a "mixture of vulgarity and cowardice, the surest signs of barbarism," See page numbered 91 and footnote #6 on that page in Arendt's *Origins* referenced above.

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The “verdict” refers to France’s various trials of the Jewish Captain Alfred Dreyfus, when men followed legal proceedings so keenly because each instance afforded a test of the century's greatest achievement, the complete impartiality of the law.

It is characteristic of the period that a miscarriage of justice could arouse such political passions and inspire such an endless succession of trials and retrials, not to speak of duels and fisticuffs.

The doctrine of equality before the law was still so firmly implanted in the conscience of the civilized world that a single miscarriage of justice could provoke public indignation.

[underlining mine]

Truth Without Value

> When truth is no longer valued, society loses its ability to think critically. Those who cannot distinguish fact from fiction soon cannot tell right from wrong—and such a society becomes vulnerable to control.

The phrase is popular but may not be her words. No citation was found. She did say the below in an interview with Roger Errera in 1974. This was about the importance of a **free press in an era of mass manipulation of truth and public lying**:

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The moment we no longer have a free press, anything can happen. What makes it possible for a totalitarian or any other dictatorship to rule is that people are not informed; how can you have an opinion if you are not informed? [informed fact-based opinion vs speculative opinion without any fact]

If everybody always lies to you, the consequence is not that you believe the lies, but rather that nobody believes anything any longer. This is because lies, by their very nature, have to be changed, and a lying government has constantly to rewrite its own history.

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On the receiving end you get not only one lie—a lie which you could go on for the rest of your days—but you get a great number of lies, depending on how the political wind blows. And a people that no longer can believe anything cannot make up its mind. **It is deprived not only of its capacity to act but also of its capacity to think and to judge. And with such a people you can then do what you please.**
[underlining and bolding mine]

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The key point ***as lies multiply, the result is not that the lie is believed but that people lose faith in the truth and are increasingly susceptible to believe anything.***

When cynicism about truth reigns, lies operate not because they replace reality but because they make reality wobble–a phrase Arendt employs in her essay *Truth and Politics*. In that essay Arendt argued that mass lying undermines our sense of reality by which we find our bearings in the real world.

See https://hac.bard.edu/amor-mundi/on-fake-hannah-arendt-quotations-2024-08-04

Claude-Frédéric Bastiat

Claude-Frédéric Bastiat (1801 − 1850) was a French Economist. He wrote three books of *Economic sophisms*. Each book was a "series" with chapters.

Making plunder legal

> When plunder becomes a way of life for a group of men in a society, over the course of time they create for themselves a legal system that authorizes it and a moral code that glorifies it.

from *Economic sophisms* 2nd series (1848), chapter 1 *Physiology of plunder.* French: *Sophismes économiques*, 2ème série (1848), chapter 1 *Physiologie de la spoliation.* All series are at https://oll.libertyfund.org/page/collected-sophisms

Before Brandolini

Before *Brandolini's Law* of 2013 (see page 597) Bastiat, in his *Economic Sophisms*, First Series (1845) wrote

> We must confess that our adversaries have a marked advantage over us in the discussion. In very few words they can announce a half-truth; and in order to demonstrate that it is incomplete, we are obliged to have recourse to long and dry dissertations.

The attribution to Bastiat is widespread, but I could not find the precise words in the *First Series*. Brandolini communicated much the same in fewer words plus the order of magnitude consideration.

Albert Camus

Camus (1913 – 1960) was a French author, dramatist, journalist, political activist, and philosopher. He received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1957 at the age of 44 making him among the youngest ever to so so. His writings included exploration of the absurd.

When Democracy is Sick

Be careful.
When a democracy is sick,
fascism comes to its bedside,
but it is not to inquire about its health.

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Widely, very widely, attributed to Camus, but no citation was found, even at *Quote Investigator.*

For more of what Camus wrote see:
https://libquotes.com/albert-camus
https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Albert_Camus
https://www.goodreads.com/author/quotes/957894.Albert_Camus

G. K. Chesterton

Gilbert Keith Chesterton (1874 − 1936) was an English writer, philosopher, Christian apologist, and a critic of art and literature. He created the fictional priest-detective Father Brown.

Fence Fallacy

Never take down a fence
until you know why it was put up.

This is a shortened form from his book *The Thing* (1929) in the chapter *The Drift from Domesticity.* In the full text search for "reforming things" and the quote is the first such instance.

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https://archive.org/stream/G.K.ChestertonTheThing/G.K.Chesterton-The%20Thing_djvu.txt

See also *Commentary: The fallacy of Chesterton's Fence* from January 4, by Alexander Ooms. https://www.chalkbeat.org/colorado/2012/1/4/21096855/commentary-the-fallacy-of-chesterton-s-fence/

About Walls

> Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
> What I was walling in or walling out,
> And to whom I was like to give offence.

A few lines from the Robert Frost poem *Mending Wall*
https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44266/mending-wall

Second Order Thinking

> Worth understanding is second-order thinking as the practice of considering the consequences of decisions and actions and consequences of those consequences.

See *Chesterton's Fence: A Lesson in Second Order Thinking* from September 5, 2022.

No author was cited for the summary at https://www.xref.uk/posts/2022/09/chestertons-fence/

No author cited at the article https://fs.blog/chestertons-fence/

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Skip The First Order

Near the end of *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* (1969) they are on a cliff edge about to jump a long way to a river below. The Kid is hesitating a lot.

Butch Cassidy: What's the matter with you?
Sundance Kid: I can't swim!
Butch Cassidy: Are you crazy?
The fall will probably kill ya.

The Kid completed the first order thought (the fall) and thought of the second order (the water). Or, he skipped the first order completely!
The movie was written by William Goldman and the lines above are recorded at https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0064115/quotes. Paul Newman played Butch and Robert Redford was the Kid.

Noam Chomsky

Avram Noam Chomsky (1928 – ?) is known for his work in linguistics, political activism, and social criticism.

He is also a major figure in analytic philosophy and cognitive science. He has written 150+ books on widely varied topics.

Seeking the significant

On seeking what is significant:
(how to counter gaslighting and myth-information)

> [starting about 9:20 on the video. The link is below.] You can't expect somebody to become a biologist by giving them access to the Harvard University biology library and saying, “Just look through it.” That will give them nothing. The internet is the same, except magnified enormously. […]
>
> [starting about 11:10 on the video] The person who wins the Nobel Prize in biology is not the person who read the most journal articles and took the most notes on them. It's the person who knew what to look for.

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> Cultivating that capacity to seek what's significant, always willing to question whether you're on the right track, that's what education is going to be about, whether it's using computers and internet, or pencil and paper and books.

From *The Purpose of Education,* a speech where Chomsky discussed the purpose of education, impact of technology, whether education should be perceived as a cost or an investment, and the value of standardized assessment testing.

Presented at the *Learning Without Frontiers Conference*
January 25th, 2012 and on line at

https://archive.org/details/NoamChomsky-ThePurposeOfEducation-2012
video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdNAUJWJN08

10 Media Techniques

The titles of 10 strategies of manipulation through mass media.

1. The strategy of distraction.
2. Creating problems and then offering the solutions.
3. The Strategy of Graduation.
4. The Strategy of Deferring.
5. Reach to the public like children.
6. Using emotional aspect much more than reflection.
7. Keeping the public in ignorance and mediocrity.
8. **Stimulating the public to be complacent with mediocrity.**
9. Strengthening self guilt.
10. Knowing individuals better than they know themselves.

[Bolding mine] Detailed explanations of each strategy are available on line at multiple places including:
https://exploringyourmind.com/10-strategies-of-media-control-noam-chomsky/

Education as Understanding

Education is not memorizing that
Hitler killed 6 millions Jews.

Education is understanding how millions of ordinary
Germans were convinced that it was required.

Education is learning how to spot the
signs of history repeating itself.

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Attributed to Chomsky and consonant with his writings but no specific reference was found to this phrase in this manner

Related from Reddit: ". . . . ordinary Germans were slowly, slowly acclimated to hate and violence. First the Jews were openly discriminated against (first milestone), then branded with those yellow stars (second milestone), then segregated into ghettos (final milestone before extermination). Ordinary Germans supported all of these steps, which led directly to extermination. They knew exactly what was going on when the trains started taking people away. By then they just didn't care."
https://www.reddit.com/r/quotes/comments/f2bp31/education_is_not_memorizing_that_hitler_killed/?rdt=47040

see also: *They Thought They Were Free* (1955) by Milton Mayer 372 pages https://archive.org/details/theythoughttheyw0000maye

Government Privatization Technique

That's the standard technique of [government] privatization: defund, make sure things don't work, people get angry, you hand it over to private capital.

Text of lecture given at the The University of Toronto, April 7, 2011 ***The State-Corporate Complex: A Threat to Freedom and Survival*** transcript: https://chomsky.info/20110407-2/

John Clarke

John Henrik Clarke (1915 − 1998) was an African-American historian, professor, and pioneer of Pan-African studies.

Affording Education of Oppressed People

> Powerful people cannot afford to educate the people they oppress, because once you are truly educated, you will not ask for power, you will take it.

Confidence & Responsibility For Your Own Education

> If a people do not have the confidence to be responsible for their own education, they will be responsible for nothing else.

The two quotes above are widely attributed to Dr. Clarke and generally consistent with his expressed philosophy. Specific citations could not be found even among these two sources.

The Collected Writings of John Henrik Clarke
https://archive.org/details/J.H.ClarkeCollectedWritings

My Life In Search Of Africa (1999)
https://archive.org/details/my-life-in-search-of-africa

James Clear

James Clear (1985 – ?) is an American author and wrote *Atomic Habits: An Easy & Proven Way to Build Good Habits & Break Bad Ones* (2018) a top New York Times bestseller.

Goals vs Systems

Goals are about the results you want to achieve.
Systems are about the processes that lead to those results.

Goals are good for setting a direction, but
systems are best for making progress.

That is a summary. Details at https://jamesclear.com/goals-systems

Failure: Cheap? Costly?

When failure is expensive, plan carefully.
When failure is cheap, act quickly.

https://jamesclear.com/quotes/when-failure-is-expensive-plan-carefully
May also be in *Atomic Habits*, see citation on previous page.

Small Wins

Decide the type of person you want to be.
Prove it to yourself with small wins.

The quote is on the opening page of
https://jamesclear.com/atomic-habits-summary

Detail Obsession

People who excel tend to obsess over the details.
People who struggle also tend to obsess over the details.

The difference is what details they focus on. Minutiae vs polish.

Most things don't matter
but when it does, you want to get the details right.

From his web site
https://jamesclear.com/quotes/people-who-excel-tend-to-obsess-over-the-details

John Dominic Crossan

John Crossan (1934 − ?) is an Irish-American theologian, scholar, New Testament scholar, historian of early Christianity, former Catholic priest, and professor emeritus at DePaul University.

Symbolically-Literally

> My point, once again, is not that those ancient people told literal stories and we are now smart enough to take them symbolically, but that they told them symbolically and we are now dumb enough to take them literally.

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From his book *Who Is Jesus? Answers to Your Questions About the Historical Jesus* (1996) ISBN 9780664258429.

The book can be previewed and searched at https://books.google.com/books/about/Who_is_Jesus.html?id=XNkKf5htZq4C

Crossan's interesting speech at the 2000 UNI lecture 1h 17m https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2m7I4WEoso

Charles Darwin

Charles Robert Darwin (1809 − 1882) was an English geologist, naturalist, biologist, and great contributor to our understanding of evolutionary biology.

Before Dunning-Kruger

> Ignorance more frequently begets confidence than does knowledge: It is those who know little, not those who know much, who positively assert that this or that problem will never be solved by science.

From Darwin's book *The Descent of Man* (1871). *Descent*, *On the Origin of Species* (1859), and 50 more by Darwin are available without fee or registration at https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/2300 An aside: the titles from the first season of *Orphan Black* were from chapter titles in Darwin's *Origin.* See *Dunning-Kruger* on page 655.

Most Adaptable

It is not the strongest of the species that survives
but the most adaptable.

Not found in Darwin's surviving writings. This may have been in a speech by Leon C. Megginson, a Louisiana State University business professor at the convention of the Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) in 1963.

Megginson was presenting what appeared to be his own idiosyncratic interpretation of the central idea outlined in Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* available at https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/2300 The text of Megginson's address was published in the quarterly journal of the association. https://sssaonline.org/ssq/

Richard Dawkins

Clinton Richard Dawkins (1941 − ?) is a British evolutionary biologist, author, fellow of New College, Oxford, and was a Professor for Public Understanding of Science at the University of Oxford.

Two Points & Truth

> When two opposite points of view are expressed with equal intensity, the truth does not necessarily lie exactly halfway between them. It is possible for one side to be simply wrong.

Cited by Michael Shermer in *Scientific American* in the article *Wronger Than Wrong* on November 1, 2006
https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/wronger-than-wrong/

What is a meme?

In Dawkins' original concept a *meme* is an idea, behavior, trend or philosophy that spreads from person to person within a culture. It is a replicator of cultural information.

Cultural transmission refers to the way in which information is passed along within a community, through communication and imitation and not genetic inheritance. *Virality* is a meme's ability to spread rapidly and widely from one individual to another, often through the internet. Adaptation refers to a meme's change over time to fit its cultural environment better, enhancing its survival and propagation. Lastly, *social contagion* is the phenomenon by which ideas and behaviors are transmitted through social networks, echoing the way diseases spread.

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From his book *The Selfish Gene* (1976) an attempt at understanding why some behaviors were found to be common in societies, but make no sense from an evolutionary perspective.

The 40th Anniversary edition (497 pages) is available at https://archive.org/details/richard-dawkins-the-selfish-gene
see also https://richarddawkins.net/2014/02/whats-in-a-meme/

For an application published in February 2024 see this by cognitive neuroscientist Bobby Azarian in his *The Romance of Reality: How the Universe Organizes Itself to Create Life, Consciousness, and Cosmic Complexity.*

https://www.rawstory.com/raw-investigates/taylor-swift-donald-trump

Aubrey de Grey

Aubrey David Nicholas Jasper de Grey (1963 – ?) is an English author, mathematician, biomedical gerontologist, immortality seeker, and supports a medal winning beard.

Mistake Clinging

> Don't cling to a mistake just because
> you spent a lot of time making it.

Widely attributed to de Grey, but no specific citation to date or place was found. It is an elegant summary of the dangers of logical fallacies which include "Chasing the Ante", "The Sunk Cost Analysis" and more. There are lots of fallacies. See https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_fallacies

John Donne

John Donne (born between 1571 and 1573, died 1631) was an English scholar, soldier, lawyer, cleric, and poet deeply into the metaphysical.

In 1623 Donne was very ill and wrote *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions* with 23 sections, each with a Meditation, an Expostulation, and a Prayer. The series of sections describes the course of his illness, treatment and more. The titles of Meditation 16 and 17 are

16. From the bells of the church adjoining,
    I am daily remembered of my burial in the funerals of others
17. Now, this bell tolling softly for another, says to me, Thou must die

From about page 109, part of the 17th Meditation was extracted and published as the poem *No Man is an Island.*

We & The Bell

An old custom is to toll (ring) the church bell after a service for the recently deceased. The last few lines of *No Man is an Island* are:

> Any man's death diminishes me,
> Because I am involved in mankind.
> And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;
> It tolls for thee.

It is about the connection between all of us humans. People are better together than in solitary. No one of us is as smart as all of us. The whole of humanity is better than any fragment of it.

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The whole of *No Man is an Island* (part of the 17th Meditation)
is at https://allpoetry.com/No-man-is-an-island

This is one of two writings that provided good guidance to me over the decades. The other is from Tennyson on page 502. I encourage you to read them both.

The entirety of *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions* is available at https://www.gutenberg.org/files/23772/23772-h/23772-h.htm which includes an introduction describing the life of Dr. Donne.

[I wanted that last line be “It tolls for we.” For “we” are all affected, directly, or varying levels of indirectly, by those who go before us.]

Umberto Eco

Eco (1932 − 2016) was an Italian specialist in the study of meaning, novelist, cultural critic, political and social commentator, and a philosopher. He received the *Order of Merit of the Italian Republic* (Italian: *Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana* or OMRI), the most senior Italian order of merit. Eco also wrote the *Warning Signs of Fascism* on display at the *United States Holocaust Memorial Museum* (USHMM), on page 538.

Internet Prevents Understanding

> The Internet gives us everything and forces us to filter it not by the workings of culture, but with our own brains. This risks creating six billion separate encyclopedias, which would prevent any common understanding whatsoever.

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The quote above includes several elements from the material found of page 82 of *This is Not the End of the Book: A conversation curated by Jean-Philippe de Tonnac* (ed. Random House, 2011) - ISBN: 9781446468203 available at https://archive.org/details/thisisnotendofbo0000carr_c6f4

See also on page 81

> What the Internet provides is *gross information, with almost no sense of order or hierarchy, and with the sources unchecked.* So each of us needs not only to check facts, but also to create meaning, by which I mean to organise and position our learning within an argument. [italics mine]

Thomas Edison

Thomas Alva Edison (1847 − 1931) was an American businessman and invented many devices in many fields including electric power generation and transmission, audio recorder and player, radio, and motion pictures. He is perhaps best know for the incandescent light bulb that made America glow.

Not Failures, Learning!

Edison had a positive point of view that helped him get through the many attempts that did not deliver the sought results. They were never failures, but teaching moments on what didn't work.

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W. S. Mallory, a close associate, said: “Isn’t it a shame that with the tremendous amount of work you’ve done you haven’t been able to get any results?” Edison replied:

> Results! Why, man, I have gotten a lot of results! I know several thousand things that won’t work.

The quote appears in *Edison: His Life and Inventions* (1910) by Frank Lewis Dyer and Thomas Commerford Martin on page 616 of Volume 2 in *Chapter 24: Edison’s Method in Inventing*

Link direct to quote on page 616 of 989 https://books.google.com/books?id=B7A4AAAAMAAJ&q=%22gotten+a+lot Volume 1 528 pages is available at https://archive.org/details/edisonhislifeinv00dyer As for specific numbers such as 10,000 ways etc, changes creep in with frequent retelling of stories. See https://quoteinvestigator.com/2012/07/31/edison-lot-results/

So Close and Giving Up

> Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

https://www.thomasedison.org/edison-quotes
See also *Never Stop Seeking* on page 983.

Alternate: Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.

An interesting article: *Edison — The Fabulous Drone* an article by J. L. Elkhorne published in *73 Magazine*, Volume XLVI, No. 3, page 52 http://www.arimi.it/wp-content/73/03_March_1967.pdf

Albert Einstein

Born in Germany, Einstein (1879 − 1955) developed the special and general theories of relativity. He received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics and is generally considered the single most influential physicist of the 20th century.

Blind Belief Authority

Blind belief in authority
is the greatest enemy of truth.

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From a letter to Jost Winteler on July 8th, 1901. Einstein had stayed with him while at school in Aarau, Switzerland.

As with *Churchillian Drift* (see page 239) the quote has been modified from the original, probably to accommodate language translation and modern vernacular.

The letter had been written in German. All words are reliably translated except the first word.

"**Autoritätsdusel** is the greatest enemy of truth."

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Autoritätsdusel has been translated at least three ways.

"**Blind belief**" as shown in the quote above.

"**Blind obedience** to authority"

> in *The Ultimate Quotable Einstein*
> https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Ultimate_Quotable_Einstein/A32-DwAAQBAJ?hl=en&gbpv=1&bsq=authority%20enemy%20of%20truth

"**Authority gone to one's head** is the greatest enemy of truth."

> in *The Collected Papers of Albert Einstein Volume 1: The Early Years, 1879-1902* (English Versions) on line at
> https://einsteinpapers.press.princeton.edu/vol1-trans/199

Search for Truth

> The search for truth and knowledge is one of the finest attributes of man, though often it is most loudly voiced by those who strive for it the least.

From *The Goal of Human Existence,* an April 11, 1943 essay in the collection *Essays in Humanism* by Albert Einstein 1879-1955 (published 1983) at https://archive.org/details/essaysinhumanism0000eins

Albert Einstein Archives has sound files and a video clip on *The Goal of Human Existence* from a broadcast on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal, November 4, 1943. http://www.albert-einstein.org

Insanity Defined

The definition of insanity
is doing the same thing over and over
and expecting different results.

While it is the sort of one-liner Einstein often dispensed there is no record of it in his surviving work.

1983 - ***Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results*** appears on page 68 of *Sudden Death* (1983) by Rita Mae Brown. You can see the quote at

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https://books.google.com/books?id=QJj9VqInFyUC&printsec=frontcover&dq=sudden+death&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiyps3s_YLjAhUFnFkKHcTOC1MQ6AEILjAB#v=onepage&q=insanity&f=false

Someone else wrote it even earlier: 1981 - ***Insanity is repeating the same mistakes and expecting different results.*** From *The Basic Text* (1981) a draft-for-review by Narcotics Anonymous. See "Step 2", about the 5th paragraph, on page 25 of the PDF:

https://web.archive.org/web/20121202030403/http://www.amonymifoundation.org/uploads/NA_Approval_Form_Scan.pdf

A good idea regardless of who was first in creating it.

Theory of Happiness

A calm and modest life brings more happiness than the pursuit of success combined with constant restlessness.

Deterministic Theorem

Where there's a will, there's a way.

In Japan in 1922 Einstein was without pocket cash. He wrote these two on hotel stationery and gave both to a bellhop in lieu of a tip. In 2017 they were both sold at auction for combined $1.8 million USD. See https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/10/25/560004689/einsteins-note-on-happiness-given-to-bellboy-in-1922-fetches-1-6-million

Never Fail Until

You never fail until you stop trying.

Often attributed to Einstein, but does not appear in *The Ultimate Quotable Einstein* from Princeton University Press.

The oldest reference is by writer Louise Chandler Moulton in “A Ghost at his Fireside” published in “The Cosmopolitan” magazine of New York in June 1890. (start page 229, quote on page 241)

It is an eternal law that no man can be wholly defeated unless he defeat himself.

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You can see that quote

https://books.google.com/books?id=EF4vAQAAMAAJ&q=%22he+defeat%22#v=snippet&q=%22he%20defeat%22&f=false

Many have said it in other ways. Perhaps credit Anon E. Mouse?

See also https://quoteinvestigator.com/2021/08/07/never-fail/

Nationalism Disease

Nationalism is an infantile disease.
It is the measles of mankind.

What Life Means to Einstein: An Interview by George Sylvester Viereck in The Saturday Evening Post: 117 of 26 October 1929.

Viereck quoted Einstein and wrote it in English. The original quote was in German, Einstein's native language, and not preserved.

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Placing the nationalism quote in context: **Viereck**: “Do you look upon yourself as a German or as a Jew?” **Einstein**: “It is quite possible, to be both. I look upon myself as a man. Nationalism is an infantile disease. It is the measles of mankind.” See also Einstein’s “My Credo” (1932) at https://einstein-website.de/en/credo/ The first line of part 2 says “… lehne jeden Nationalismus ab, …” In English “… reject all nationalism …”.The English translation does not include “nationalism”.

At https://library.yu.edu/c.php?g=1073982&p=7880252 neither the German or English presented has the word “nationalism”. *Einstein: His Life and Universe* (2007) by Walter Isaacson has other wording. See page 386 at https://archive.org/details/einsteinhislifeu0000isaa_v3f9

Still - Einstein’s position was clear. He distinguishes between patriotism (which he supports) and nationalism (which he does not): “I am against any nationalism, even in the guise of mere patriotism. Privileges based on position and property have always seemed to me unjust and pernicious, as did any exaggerated personality cult.”

Careless With Truth In Small Matters?

Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters.

Einstein wrote it in this context [underlining mine] :

> In matters concerning truth and justice there can be no distinction between big problems and small; for the general principles which determine the conduct of men are indivisible. Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted in important affairs.

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The Ultimate Quotable Einstein (2010) is a collection of his writings. The quote is in the section *On Humankind* starting at the bottom of page 187 and finishing at the top of the next page. The same text is in *On Miscellaneous Subjects* on page 453. It was to be part of a televised speech for 1955, the seventh anniversary of Israeli independence. He died about a week earlier.

Einstein wrote in German. The English translation of the last word could be “affairs” or “matters”. See a similar problem with **Autoritätsdusel** on page 380.

All 616 pages of *The Ultimate* are available at https://archive.org/details/ultimatequotable0000eins

God / Dice / Universe

God does not play dice with the universe.

That is a slightly modified part of a December 1926 letter to Max Born where Einstein wrote “[t]he theory produces a good deal but hardly brings us closer to the secret of the Old One. I am at all events convinced that He does not play dice.”

Lack of knowledge truly vexed Einstein and he spent his life trying to acquire more. He had a start thanks to Spinoza; see page 499.

What did Einstein really mean? See https://aeon.co/ideas/what-einstein-meant-by-god-does-not-play-dice

Different Levels of Thinking

We can not solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them.

Above is an abbreviated version of: *A new type of thinking is essential if mankind is to survive and move toward higher levels*. That is derived from the original wording underlined below.

Page 13 of the *New York Times* May, 25, 1946 had this headline: *ATOMIC EDUCATION URGED BY EINSTEIN: Scientists in Plea for $200,000 to Promote New Type of Essential Thinking*.

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Dr. Einstein issued a personal appeal yesterday by telegram to several hundred prominent Americans. He asked contributions to carry on a nationwide campaign to let the people know that a new type of thinking is essential in the atomic age if mankind is to survive and move toward higher levels.

[underlining mine to indicate quote text]

see
https://web.archive.org/web/20140622171150/http://www.turntheti de.info/id54.htm

William Faulkner

An American writer (1897 − 1962) he won the 1949 Nobel Prize in Literature and is considered one of the most esteemed writers in American literature. He was prolific almost beyond measure. He is known to have written 1 play, over 10 essays, over 15 screenplays that were produced (but he was not credited for some), over 19 novels, over 20 screenplays that were not produced, and over 150 short stories. Plus numerous speeches and letters to the editor.

He is widely, very widely, credited with these two quotes.

The source of one was found. The other not.

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Courage – New Horizons

You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to lose sight of the shore.

Over a dozen web sites cited him as the quote author, but provided no attribution. Not found in *The Sound and the Fury* (1956), *Spotted Horses, Old Man,* and *The Bear* (in a 1966 collection of all three).

No verifiable citation could be found at these sites
https://www.quotespedia.org/authors/w/william-faulkner/you-cannot-swim-for-new-horizons-until-you-have-the-courage-to-lose-sight-of-the-shore-william-faulkner/ https://humoropedia.com/william-faulkner-quotes/
https://optimisticbeacon.com/2018/03/23/william-faulkners-quote-on-courage/
and multiple others.

Courage – Raising Your Voice

> Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion against injustice and lying and greed. If people all over the world… would do this, it would change the earth.

The above is a shortened form from *Faulkner's Address to the Graduating Class at University High School in Oxford* in 1952. The address starts with "What threatens us today is fear."

The full paragraph with the quote is on the next page.

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Never be afraid to raise your voice for honesty and truth and compassion, against injustice and lying and greed. If you, not just you in this room tonight but in all the thousands of other rooms like this one about the world today and tomorrow and next week, will do this, not as a class or classes, but as but individuals, men and women, you will change the earth.

The text and a video of the presentation are at
https://www.americanrhetoric.com/MovieSpeeches/moviespeechwilliamfaulknerofoxford.html

R. Buckminster Fuller

Richard Buckminster Fuller (1895 − 1983) was a multi talented American architect, writer, designer, inventor, philosopher, and futurist. He wrote more than 30 books and introduced many terms to the current lexicon. He received 28 US patents and many honorary doctorates. In 1968 he was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. From 1974 to 1983 Fuller was the second World President of Mensa.

For more see *59 of the Best Buckminister Fuller Quotes*
https://www.anquotes.com/buckminster-fuller-quotes/

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Born a Genius

Everyone is born a genius,
but the process of living de-geniuses them.

Quotable Buckminster Fuller: An A to Z Glossary of Quotes from Buckminster Fuller (2016) Alex Ayres (Editor)

as an aside: *What does a Genius Look Like?*
https://www.16personalities.com/articles/what-does-a-genius-look-like

Spaceship Earth

> We are not going to be able to operate our Spaceship Earth successfully nor for much longer unless we see it as a whole spaceship and our fate as common. It has to be everybody or nobody.

From Fuller's book *Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth* (1969)

All 44 pages are at https://archive.org/details/buckminster-fuller-operating-manual-for-spaceship-earth The second full paragraph on page 41 starts with “This all brings us to a realization ...” which precedes the quote above.

Changing things

> You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete. That, in essence, is the higher service to which we are all being called.

Found on the home page of *The Buckminster Fuller Initiative* https://www.bfi.org/challenge/2015/greenwave/ 8/31/2023 See also *Fight by Innovation* on page 404.

Fight by Innovation

> [Fuller] spoke quietly: “You never change anything by fighting it; you change things by making them obsolete through superior technology. Telstar replaced 500 tons of transoceanic cable. It used to take us three years to circumnavigate the globe in a wooden-hulled ship. It took three months in a steel ship, 90 minutes in a space capsule and now instantaneously with telecommunications.”

From a 1983 interview in the book *Think Out of the Box* (1995) by *Mike Vance and Diane Deacon,* in the section *Profile in creativity*: The quote appears on page 138. The book is available on line at https://archive.org/details/thinkoutofbox0000vanc See also *Changing Things* on page 403.

Changing yourself

If you don't obsolete yourself,
someone else will.

Attributed to many.

Literacy & Leadership

When I was born, humanity was 95 per cent illiterate. Since I've been born, the population has doubled and that total population is now 65 per cent literate. That's a gain of 130-fold of the literacy.

When humanity is primarily illiterate, it needs leaders to understand and get the information and deal with it. When we are at the point where the majority of humans themselves are literate, able to get the information, we're in an entirely new relationship to Universe.

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We are at the point where the integrity of the individual counts and not what the political leadership or the religious leadership says to do.

Only Integrity Is Going to Count: Integrity Day, Los Angeles February 26, 1983 see https://buckyisback.com/integrity/

Only Integrity is Going to Count is an excerpt from interview February 26, 1983 https://www.bfi.org/about-fuller/big-ideas/only-integrity-is-going-to-count/

Thomas Walton Galloway

Dr. Galloway (1866 − 1929) was a professor of biology and a professor of zoology.

Power to Choose Response

> Between stimulus and response there is a space.
> In that space is our power to choose our response.
> In our response lies our growth and our freedom.

The quote above is a condensation from Galloway's *The Use of Motives in Teaching Morals and Religion* (1917).

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Per Galloway: Personality has three main parts: (1) the receiving portion (receptors) that looks out on stimuli (attention and appreciation are its great functions); (2) a responding side (effectors) that looks toward behavior or response; and (3) that which lies between stimulus and response whose function is to correlate and adjust behavior to stimulus. This third region is where our real personal values lie. This is where we grow most. [underlining mine]

Available at https://archive.org/details/useofmotivesinte00gallrich (208 pages) See page 40 for text quoted. See Figure 3 (on Page 41, but no page number appears) for *The Realm Of Personality,* an excellent chart. The same was later presented in a simpler form by Rollo May (see page 452). The quote is are sometimes mis-attributed to psychiatrist Viktor E. Frankl or Stephen R. Covey as the original source.

Adam Grant

Adam M. Grant (1981 – ?) is an American author, professor in organizational psychology at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, a TED talker, and more. See https://adamgrant.net/

Elicit feedback

> When people hesitate to give honest feedback on an idea, draft, or performance, I ask for a 0-10 score. No one ever says 10. Then I ask how I can get closer to a 10. It motivates them to start coaching me – and motivates me to be coachable. I want to learn how to close the gap.

Grant posted this on LinkedIn at https://ir.linkedin.com/posts/adammgrant_when-people-hesitate-to-give-me-honest-feedback-activity-6775499266052956160-CH3o

Also cited by Clear at https://jamesclear.com/3-2-1/march-25-2021

Donna J. Haraway

Dr. Donna Jeanne Haraway (1944 − ?) is a Distinguished Professor Emerita at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Her 1972 Yale dissertation about the use of metaphor in shaping experiments in experimental biology. It was the basis for *The Search for Organizing Relations: An Organismic Paradigm in Twentieth-Century Developmental Biology* (1976) on line at https://monoskop.org/images/5/58/Haraway_Donna_Crystals_Fabrics_and_Fields_Metaphors_That_Shape_Embryos.pdf. She also wrote *Simians, Cyborgs, and Women: The Reinvention of Nature* (1990) on line at https://archive.org/details/simianscyborgswo0000hara and *A Cyborg Manifesto: Science, Technology, and Socialist-Feminism in the Late Twentieth Century* (2006).

Two Big Questions

How does science change

and

what are the implications of the view adopted for the theoretical corpus of a science?

From her *Crystals*. There are multiple possible meanings. Mine: With a discovery science changes. A single event, but the number of points of view of that event are many. What are the implications of a chosen view?

You might think my understanding could be incorrect and that depends on your point of view. The other titles (see previous page) also contain interesting concepts. As an aside, episode titles for Season 4 of *Orphan Black* were taken from, or inspired by, the writings of Dr. Haraway.

Earnest Hemingway

Earnest Miller Hemingway (1899 – 1961) was reporter, an American novelist and short-story writer. Declined for military service he volunteered for the American Red Cross. Assigned as an ambulance driver he was injured on the Austro-Italian front, hospitalized, and decorated for heroism, all before his 19th birthday.

His novel, *The Sun Also Rises*, was published in 1926 and his first wide-scale success. He would later receive the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1954.

Mismanaged Nation, Panaceas For

> The first panacea for a mismanaged nation is inflation of the currency; the second is war. Both bring temporary prosperity; both bring permanent ruin. But both are the refuge of political and economic opportunists.

From his *Notes on the Next War: A Serious Topical Letter* Esquire, Published September 1935. As of November 2024 it on line at https://marginrich.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/notes-on-the-next-war-hemingway1.pdf The pages are not all numbered and the quote appears on the first page in the fourth paragraph. Also cited at https://harpers.org/2007/09/hemingway-on-the-politics-of-war/

Life Ends, How Lived?

> Every man's life ends the same way. It is only the details of how he lived and how he died that distinguish one man from another.

In his book *The Good Life According to Hemingway* (2008) not all pages have numbers. The quote appears at the bottom page 123 and is available at https://archive.org/details/goodlifeaccordin0000hemi

For a brief discussion of the quote see https://www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings-and-interpretations/ernest-hemingway-every-mans-life-ends-the-same-way-it-is-only-the-details-of-how-he-lived-and-how-he-died-that-distinguish-one-man-from-another

World Breaks Everyone

> The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong at the broken places. But those that will not break it kills. It kills the very good and the very gentle and the very brave impartially. If you are none of these, you can be sure it will kill you too but there will be no special hurry.

From his *A Farewell to Arms* (1929) on page numbered 222. All 294 pages are available at https://archive.org/details/farewelltoarms0000hemi_e6a0

Christopher Hitchens

Christopher Eric Hitchens (1949 − 2011) was Oxford educated, journalist, and author of 18 books on faith, culture, politics, and literature.

Claims Need Evidence

Claims made without evidence can
be dismissed without evidence.

This is Hitchens' epistemological razor. See also Sagan on page 482.

From Hitchens' book *God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything* (Kindle edition 6 April 2009) page 258. Also available at Amazon item 0446697966

Never a spectator

Never be a spectator of unfairness or stupidity. The grave will supply plenty of time for silence.

The above is two parts of this paragraph in *Letters to a Young Contrarian* (2001)
“Beware the irrational, however seductive. Shun the 'transcendent' and all who invite you to subordinate or annihilate yourself. Distrust compassion; prefer dignity for yourself and others. Don't be afraid to be thought arrogant or selfish. Picture all experts as if they were mammals. Never be a spectator of unfairness or stupidity. Seek out argument and disputation for their own sake; the grave will supply plenty of time for silence. Suspect your own motives, and all excuses. Do not live for others any more than you would expect others to live for you.”

About the middle of page 140 of the 168 page book.
On line at https://archive.org/details/letterstoyoungco0000hitc

Douglas Hofstadter

Dr. Hofstadter (1945 − ?) is an American physicist, computer scientist, and professor of cognitive science (his successor term to "artificial intelligence research").

Hofstadter's Law

Lengthen your timeline …
It always takes longer
than you think it's going to take.

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That isn't exactly what he wrote and the concept, while applicable in the non-theoretical world, it was provided in a very specific context. From page numbered 47 in his book *Gödel, Escher, Bach: An Eternal Golden Braid* (1979) in Chapter 1 "The MU-Puzzle", in the section "Decision Procedures", at the end of the first paragraph, he wrote:

> … we already observed that U cannot be produced at all and it will make no difference if you lengthen and shorten till kingdom come.

The book won the 1980 Pulitzer Prize for general nonfiction. Its title is explained at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%B6del,_Escher,_Bach. https://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/223 The book is 800 pages and available on line at https://archive.org/details/douglas-hofstadter-godel-escher-bach-an-eternal-golden-braid)

Cheop's Law on page 772 is simpler, shorter, and predates Hofstadter.

Aldous Huxley

Aldous Leonard Huxley (1894 − 1963) was a British writer and critic perhaps best known for his dystopian novel *Brave New World* (written in 1931, and published in 1932). He wrote other books and many essays of intelligent wit and pessimistic satire.

Most Important History Lesson

> That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons that history has to teach.

From *A Case of Voluntary Ignorance* available in his *Collected Essays* (1959) https://archive.org/details/collectedessays00huxl_0 (422 pages)

Facts Ignored

Facts do not cease to exist
because they are ignored

From his *Note on Dogma* in *Complete Essays, Vol. II: 1926-1929*
at https://archive.org/details/completeessays0002huxl (616 pages)

Reality Ignored Has a Price

> Reality cannot be ignored except at a price;
> and the longer the ignorance is persisted in,
> the higher and more terrible becomes
> the price that must be paid.

From his *Religion and Time* (1943) in the posthumous collection *Huxley and God: Essays on Religious Experience* (1992).

The collection contains over two dozen essays, and is on line at
https://archive.org/details/huxleygodessayso0000huxl
See page 80 at the top.

Propagandist's Purpose

The propagandist's purpose is to make one set of people forget that certain other sets of people are human.

From his essay *Words and Behaviour* published in the collection *The Olive Tree* (1936). *Words* is available as an 8-page PDF from https://www.uniba.it/it/docenti/fortunato-elisa/attivita-didattica/WordsandBehaviorHUXLEY.pdf See quote at bottom of page 7.

Propaganda of War

> All war propaganda consists, in the last resort, in substituting diabolical abstractions for human beings. Similarly, those who defend war have invented a pleasant sounding vocabulary of abstractions in which to describe the process of mass murder.

From his *Pacifism and Philosophy* (1936) 57 pages

See also his *Encyclopedia of Pacifism*
https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.216101 (134 pages)

Whence come our miseries?

> At least two thirds of our miseries spring from human stupidity, human malice, and those great motivators and justifiers of malice and stupidity, idealism, dogmatism and proselytizing zeal on behalf of religious or political idols.

From his *Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow* (1952).

The quote is on page 34 at
https://archive.org/details/tomorrowtomorrow00huxl (228 pages)

Achieving Happiness

Happiness is not achieved
by the conscious pursuit of happiness;
it is generally the by-product
of other activities.

From his *Religion and Time in Vedanta for the Western World* (1945) edited by Christopher Isherwood.

Immanuel Kant

Born Emanuel Kant (1724 – 1804) he was a German philosopher. He created comprehensive and systematic works in epistemology, metaphysics, ethics, and aesthetics making him *father of modern ethics* and more.

The quote on the page below is from his *Critique of Practical Reason* (1788) translated and available at https://archive.org/details/critiqueofpracti0000kant

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Duty Sublime & Mighty

Duty! Sublime and mighty name that embraces nothing charming or insinuating but requires submission, and yet does not seek to move the will by threatening anything that would arouse natural aversion or terror in the mind but only holds forth a law that of itself finds entry into the mind and yet gains reluctant reverence (though not always obedience), a law before which all inclinations are dumb, even though they secretly work against it; what origin is there worthy of you, and where is to be found the root of your noble descent which proudly rejects all kinship with the inclinations, descent from which is the indispensable condition of that worth which human beings alone can give themselves?

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Kant's meanings are not always clear. For this one it might be:

Acting Irrationally

(see the second sentence underlined)

> Being a rational agent (that is, in virtue of possessing practical reason, reason which is interested and goal-directed), one is obligated to follow the moral law that practical reason prescribes. To do otherwise is to act irrationally. Because Kant places his emphasis on the duty that comes with being a rational agent cognizant of moral law. [Underlining mine]

from https://iep.utm.edu/kantview/

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More on, and from, Kant

https://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Immanuel_Kant

https://www.sparknotes.com/philosophy/practicalreason/quotes/

https://divinity.uchicago.edu/sightings/articles/duty-thou-sublime-and-mighty-name

Rosabeth Moss Kanter

Rosabeth Moss Kanter (1943 – ?) is the Ernest L. Arbuckle professor of business at the Harvard Business School.

CEO Principled Stances

Principled stances are not common.
They wait for public opinion to tell them what to do.
CEO courage is in short supply.

Quoted in the New York Times 8/17/2017 DealBook / Business & Policy eNewsletter. https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/17/business/dealbook/as-executives-retreated-lone-voices-offered-support-for-trump.html

[in 2023 principled stances are still not common]

Rudyard Kipling

Englishman Joseph Rudyard Kipling (1865 − 1936) was born in India, then part of the British Empire. Kipling wrote novels, short stories, poems, and was a journalist. His work is available without fee at https://archive.org/details/collectedworksof0010kipl 432 pages.

Dane-Geld

This poem is about a tactic from as far back as 980 AD when Danes (akin to brigands or pirates) raided England's coastline areas until King Æthelred II[*1] paid the Danes to stop raiding. It might have been a good deal, but these were early extortionists and returned often for more payment. Kipling wrote:

> … if once you have paid him the Dane-geld,
> you never get rid of the Dane.

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The poem's last section is:

> We never pay any-one Dane-geld,
> No matter how trifling the cost;
> For the end of that game is oppression and shame,
> And the nation that plays it is lost!

The poem “Dane-Geld” was published in 1911 and available full at https://www.poetry.com/poem/33187/dane-geld or in the collected works at link above.

*1 In Olde English *Æthelred* refers to someone who is poorly advised. More modern vernacular refers to him as *Æthelred The Unready.*

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“Geld” is money, currency, etc. The poem title is occasionally pronounced as Dane-Gelt. “Gelt” is also money, etc.

Raids and extortion are not war but the concept of paying to have an enemy stop their aggression has been a poor solution demonstrated over time.

Neville Chamberlain, Prime Minister of United Kingdom (1937 to 1940) promoted appeasing the Nazis to stop their invasion. Kipling's poem was cited against any policy of appeasement and the idea failed. Chamberlain was forced from office. The next prime minister was Churchill who addressed the Parliament's House of Commons on June 4, 1940 with one of his greatest speeches. It is commonly titled *We shall fight on the beaches*.

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Between 1968 and 1972, more than 130 American airplanes were hijacked. https://www.vox.com/2016/3/29/11326472/hijacking-airplanes-egyptair Initially the policy was to comply with the hijacker's demands. As the scale of demands rose above the personal (money and/or transportation[*2]) to group based (free prisoners) and larger. It was clear hijackers would kill many and die themselves and the risk rose too high for compliance.

How high? **Nuclear devastation level**. Southern Airlines Flight 49 was a DC-9 commuter flight with 31 passengers and 4 crew. It took off from Memphis Tennessee on November 10, 1972 and would show how erratic hijackers could be.

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Flight 49 flew to Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Toronto, and then Cuba where President Fidel Castro sent them to Florida, their last stop. The hijackers had threatened to crash into the nuclear facility at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee. Appeasing airline hijackers was no longer an acceptable option. Thus arose the near-absolute policy of not negotiating with terrorists.

*2 “Take me to Cuba” was so common it became a joke.
See Monty Python
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9MYxAlA5wuk

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Update: Sadly kidnapping for ransom (cash and/or concessions) continues. October 9, 2023 Hamas raided Israel, killed nearly a thousand, wounded more, and took hostages for an as-yet unknown purpose.

Given Israel's history of embracing Kipling's warning the probability of actual appeasement is small. See July 1976 *Raid at Entebbe* https://www.britannica.com/event/Entebbe-raid

Soren Kierkegaard

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard (1813 – 1855) was a Danish theologian, philosopher, poet, social critic, and religious author. He is widely considered to be the first Christian existentialist philosopher.

Fooled Two Ways

> There are two ways to be fooled. One is to believe what isn't true; the other is to refuse to believe what is true.

From his *Works of Love* (1847) via *the Hong Translation* in 1962. At https://archive.org/details/worksoflove0000kier See page numbered 5.

George Kiser

He is an emeritus faculty member at the College of Arts and Sciences at Illinois State University in the Department of Politics and Government. Numerous quotes of his (with a photo) can be found at: https://www.yourquote.in/george-kiser-blbb7/quotes

Anti-Intellectual Society

> In an anti-intellectual society, people who know nothing about a complex subject are emboldened to ridicule experts who have spent a lifetime studying it.

D. H. Lawrence

David Herbert Lawrence (1885 – 1930) was an English novelist, poet, playwright, essayist, and literary critic whose collected works included an extended reflection on the dehumanizing effects of industrialization and "modern" living. Through his work Lawrence explored concepts that defied easy or discrete definition including emotional health and instinct.

The two quotes on the next page can be found in *Pansies* (1929), a collection of over 200 poems available at https://archive.org/details/pansiespoems0000dhla

Not to be confused with T. E. Lawrence on page 762.

Liberty Slipped Away

> Men fight for liberty and win it with hard knocks. Their children, brought up easy, let it slip away again, poor fools. And their grand-children are once more slaves.

Liberty's Old Story on page 163 of *Pansies* (1929) at the link above.

New Brooms & Dust

> New brooms sweep clean but they often raise such a dust in the sweeping that they choke the sweeper.

New Brooms in *Pansies* (1929) on page 164 at the link above.

Fear Damages Consciousness

The Christian fear of the pagan outlook
has damaged the whole consciousness of man.

This quote is too complex and meaningful to be summarized here.

I recommend this discussion to you:
https://www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings/d-h-lawrence-the-christian-fear-of-the-pagan-outlook-has-damaged-the-whole-consciousness-of-man

C. S. Lewis

Clive Staples Lewis (1898 – 1963) was a British writer, literary scholar, and lay theologian of the Anglican Church. He held academic positions in English literature at Oxford and Cambridge (1954 – 1963). He is perhaps best known as author of *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

Shut Eyes to Facts

One of the most cowardly things ordinary people do is to shut their eyes to facts.

The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (1952), third in the series of seven of the *Chronicles of Narnia* available at https://archive.org/details/voyageofdawntrea0005lewi where the quote appears on page 27, fifth line from the bottom.

Martin Luther

(1483 − 1546) was a German priest, theologian, author, and Augustinian friar. See https://www.britannica.com/biography/Martin-Luther

Protect Your Body

> It is even more shameful for a person to pay no heed to his own body and to fail to protect it against the plague the best he is able, and then to infect and poison others who might have remained alive if he had taken care of his body as he should have. He is thus responsible before God for his neighbor's death and is a murderer many times over.

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From *Luther's Works, Volume 43: Devotional Writing II "Whether One Should Flee From A Deadly Plague"* First published in 1527.

328 pages available at
https://archive.org/details/luthersworkdevot0043gust

see also
https://www.thedickinsonpress.com/lifestyle/what-did-martin-luther-say-about-christian-ethics-during-a-pandemic

Which starts: "Martin Luther, architect of the Protestant Reformation, wrote prodigiously. So it's not surprising that following the arrival in 1527 of the Black Death in his home town of Wittenburg, Germany, he took down his thoughts on the Christian ethics of actions and choices during a pandemic."

Niccolò Machiavelli

Niccolò di Bernardo dei Machiavelli (1469 – 1527) was a diplomat, author, philosopher, and historian who lived during the Italian Renaissance. *The Prince*, a political treatise, was published in 1532, five years after his death. He has often been called the father of modern political philosophy and political science.

Brains of A Ruler

The first method for estimating the intelligence of a ruler is to look at the men he has around him.

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The meaning is similar but the words are not as written in *The Prince*, his guidelines to power in the 16th century. In Chapter XXII, titled *Of The Secretaries Of Princes* on page 92, starting on the third line is:

> The first impression that one gets of a ruler and of his brains is from seeing the men that he has about him.

The Prince is on line at
https://archive.org/details/princemac00machuoft/princemac00machuoft

for more on Machiavelli see
https://www.history.com/topics/renaissance/machiavelli

For this quote and the "butterfly effect." See https://www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings-interpretations/niccolo-machiavelli-the-first-method-for-estimating-the-intelligence-of-a-ruler-is-to-look-at-the-men-he-has-around-him (more)

> “There is no other way to guard yourself against flattery than by making men understand that telling you the truth will not offend you.”

“The first method for estimating the intelligence of a ruler is to look at the men he has around him.”

“Without an opportunity, their abilities would have been wasted, and without their abilities, the opportunity would have arisen in vain.”

“It is not titles that honor men, but men that honor titles.”

“All courses of action are risky, so prudence is not in avoiding danger (it's impossible), but calculating risk and acting decisively.”

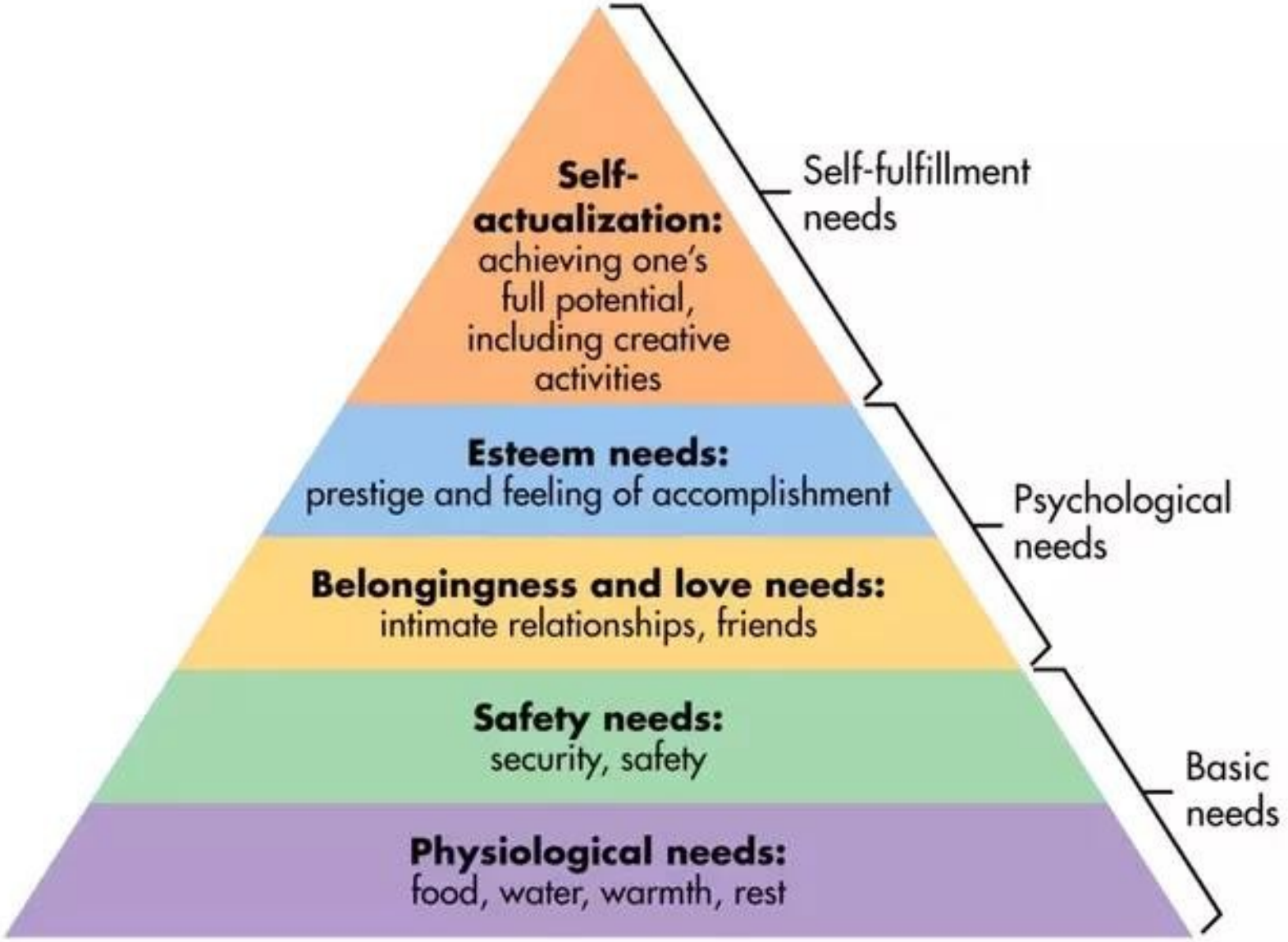
Abraham Maslow

Abraham Harold Maslow (1908 – 1970) was an American psychologist who is perhaps best known for the creation of creating a simple pictogram, his *Hierarchy Of Needs,* described a theory of psychological health based on fulfilling human needs in priority order from food and water to self fulfillment.

Hierarchy of Needs

Five levels of what is needed to achieve increasing levels of needs.

(see next page)


Self-
actualization:
achieving one's
full potential,
including creative
activities
Esteem needs:
prestige and feeling of accomplishment
Belongingness and love needs:
intimate relationships, friends
Safety needs:
security, safety
Physiological needs:
food, water, warmth, rest
Self-fulfillment
needs
Psychological
needs
Basic
needs

Rollo May

Dr. Rollo Reece May (1909 − 1994) was an American existential psychologist often associated with humanistic psychology, existential psychotherapy and philosophy. He was a contemporary of Dr. Viktor Frankl (1905 − 1997).

Pause Between Stimulus And Response

> Freedom is the individual's capacity to know that he is the determined one, to pause between stimulus and response and thus to throw his weight, however slight it may be, on the side of one particular response among several possible ones.

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From May's *Freedom and Responsibility Re-Examined* published as part of *Psychology and the Human Dilemma* (1967).

Freedom is in *Part Four – Freedom and Responsibility*, the twelfth article starting on page 168. The quote appears on page 175 in the third full paragraph. The paper was previously published in a 1963 periodical and refined for his 1967 book.

This is a simpler version of Galloway's *Power to Choose* (See page 408). All 227 pages of May's *Freedom* are available on line at https://archive.org/details/psychologyhumand0000mayr

John Stuart Mill

Also known as J. S. Mill (1806 − 1873), he was an English economist, political philosopher, and advocate of utilitarianism.

Not Willing To Fight

> A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight, nothing which is more important than his own personal safety, is a miserable creature and has no chance of being free unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself.

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From his *The Contest in America* first published in *Fraser's Magazine*, February 1862 issue.

See https://www.gutenberg.org/files/5123/5123-h/5123-h.htm.

The quote above is part of a more stirring quote on the next page where the segment above is underlined and some text shown in blue for emphasis.

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War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things: the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth a war, is much worse. When a people are used as mere human instruments for firing cannon or thrusting bayonets, in the service and for the selfish purposes of a master, such war degrades a people. A war to protect other human beings against tyrannical injustice; a war to give victory to their own ideas of right and good, and which is their own war, carried on for an honest purpose by their free choice, — is often the means of their regeneration. A man who has nothing which he is willing to fight for, nothing which he cares more about than he does about his personal safety, is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than himself. As long as justice and injustice have not terminated their ever-renewing fight for ascendancy in the affairs of mankind, human beings must be willing, when need is, to do battle for the one against the other.

Dr. Bob Moorhead

(? – ?) is a retired pastor with a degrees from Phillips University, a Bachelor of Divinity, and a Ph.D. from the California School of Theology.

The Paradox of Our Age

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider Freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

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We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

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We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships.

From Moorhead's *Words Aptly Spoken* (1995), a compendium of prayers, homilies, and monologues used in his sermons and radio broadcasts. ISBN 0963949667 (more)

The words have been mis-attributed to comedian George Carlin (who said he didn't write it), an unnamed Columbine High School student, and others.

The essay may have been inspired by the Dalai Lama whose work is on line below Moorhead's at https://trans4mind.com/counterpoint/index-spiritual/moorehead.html

Moorhead also wrote *The Marriage Repair Kit* https://archive.org/details/marriagerepairki0000moor

Haruki Murakami

Murakami (1949 − ?) has written over 3,000 novels, essays, and short stories. Many have been best-sellers in his native Japan and translated into over four dozen languages. He has received numerous awards for his works.

Mask Falling Off

Sometimes it's not the people who change;
it's the mask that falls off.

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Uncertain attribution.

The quote is sometimes attributed to him and it is consistent with some of his other expressed philosophy. “Unknown” is also a frequent attribution.

No citation accompanied any of the found attributions.

A search of the archive at his alma mater *The Waseda International House of Literature (The Haruki Murakami Library)* didn’t find the quote, but the English keywords may have suffered in translation. https://www.waseda.jp/culture/wihl/en

Ozymandias

Is a Greek name for Pharaoh Ramesses II (~1303 BC – 1213 BC).
Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792 − 1822) wrote the poem in early 1818.

My Works!

Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!

His words were found engraved in the ruins of his great “works”, a city reduced to near dust. The phrase exemplifies the hubris of a leader who believed his reign would forever endure. The poem is short. https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/46565/ozymandias
More on the meaning: https://blog.prepscholar.com/ozymandias .

Louis Pasteur

French scientist Louis Pasteur (1822 − 1895) had experience in Biology, Microbiology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics.

His discoveries refined microbial fermentation and the process would be named for him: *pasteurization*.

He developed vaccines against anthrax and rabies.

His awards are too numerous to list. They start with France's highest decoration, the Legion of Honour.

Chance & prepared mind

Chance favors the prepared mind.

The quote can be found from a lecture at the University of Lille on December 7th, 1854. Just before the quote was ... *in the fields of observation chance favours only the prepared mind*. There are many variants.

An English language version of the lecture is available at https://louispasteurinfo.weebly.com/speech-on-spirit-of-science-1854.html

Knowledge Belongs to Humanity

> Science knows no country, because knowledge belongs to humanity, and is the torch which illuminates the world. Science is the highest personification of the nation because that nation will remain the first which carries the furthest the works of thought and intelligence.

From *Louis Pasteur, Free Lance of Science* (1950)
by René Jules Dubos, in Chapter 3, titled *Pasteur in Action*

The 454 page book is available at
https://archive.org/details/louispasteur0000unse

Laurence J. Peter

Laurence Johnston Peter (1919 − 1990) was a Canadian educator and “hierarchiologist”.

Peter Principle

People rise to their own level of incompetence.

From *The Peter Principle* (1970). The Pan Books edition is at https://archive.org/details/peterprinciple00pete 196 pages

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Note: This is an observation about organizational hierarchies such as a corporation. Competent employees continue to be promoted until, at some point, they rise to where they are not competent.

Unstated, but especially significant, is those people remain in those positions because they can't demonstrate any further competence to get another promotion. The concept of returning them to where they were competent has *not received general acceptance*. This keeps an incompetent in high position and deprives the organization of the same person in the highest position where they were competent!

See also *Overcoming the Peter Principle (2014)* Andrea Ovans Harvard Business Review December 22, 2014 on line at https://hbr.org/2014/12/overcoming-the-peter-principle

Ayn Rand

Alisa Zinovyevna Rosenbaum (1905 – 1982) was Russian-born and educated then moved to America in 1926 and continued her work as writer and public philosopher. She took the name Alice O'Connor, but was better known by her pen name Ayn Rand. Rand advocated reason and rejected faith and religion.

Quotes are on the following pages.

Purpose of Education

> The only purpose of education is to teach a student how to live his life — by developing his mind and equipping him to deal with reality. The training he needs is theoretical, i.e., conceptual. He has to be taught to think, to understand, to integrate, to prove. He has to be taught the essentials of the knowledge discovered in the past — and he has to be equipped to acquire further knowledge by his own effort.

From her *The Anti-Industrial Revolution* (1971) starting at the bottom of page 231 https://archive.org/details/newleftantiindus00rand

Signs of Society Doomed

> Money is the barometer of society's virtue. When you see that trading is done, not by consent, but by compulsion – when you see that in order to produce, you need to obtain permission from men who produce nothing – when you see that money is flowing from those who deal, not in goods, but in favors – When you see that men get richer by graft and by pull than by work, and your laws don't protect you against them, but protect them against you – when you see corruption being rewarded and honesty become a self-sacrifice – You may know that your society is doomed.

From page 413 of her *Atlas Shrugged* (1957)
https://archive.org/details/atlasshrugged0000rand_i1v2

Motivation of Creativity

A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others.

From *The Moratorium on Brains* in *The Ayn Rand Letter* October 25 − November 8, 1971 where she examined President Nixon's imposition of a nationwide wage and price freeze aimed at curbing inflation, outlined the perils of stifling innovation, and the futility of trying to revive a nation's economy by restraining the few people who can save that economy.

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The 52 minute lecture from 1971 is available at https://ari.aynrand.org/issues/government-and-business/capitalism/The-Moratorium-on-Brains/

The *Letter* was published 1973 to 1976 and reiterated her views and themes from her fictional work that philosophy is the basic force in shaping our lives and human history. https://archive.org/details/pub_ayn-rand-letter

See also https://www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings/ayn-rand-a-creative-man-is-motivated-by-the-desire-to-achieve-not-by-the-desire-to-beat-others

Edward Austin Gossage Robinson

Often referred to as E. A. G. Robinson (1897 − 1993), he was a Fellow of Sidney Sussex College and Professor of Economics, both at Cambridge.

Merit of Capitalism

> The great merit of the capitalist system, it has been said, is that it succeeds in using the nastiest motives of nasty people for the ultimate benefit of society.

Often mis-attributed to John Maynard Keynes but does not appear in Keynes' surviving writings. This is from Robinson's book *Monopoly* (1941) and reprinted many times. The 1963 reprint has the quote on page 276 at https://archive.org/details/monopoly0000robi.

Ernest Rutherford

(1871 – 1937) from New Zealand where he was 1st Baron Rutherford of Nelson, OM PC FRS. He was also a pioneer in the fields of atomic and nuclear physics for which he received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1908.

Explain to the barmaid

An alleged scientific discovery has no merit unless it can be explained to a barmaid.

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Rutherford's words were cited on page 42 of *Einstein: The Man and His Achievement* (1973) by G. J. Whitrow / British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). Available at https://archive.org/details/einsteinmanhisac00whit

Einstein adapted Rutherford's phrase as "**it should be possible to explain the laws of physics to a barmaid**." *Einstein: His Life and Times* (1972) by Ronald W. Clark on page 418. It refers to Louis de Broglie who heard it from Einstein. De Broglie also quoted Einstein "that all physical theories, their mathematical expressions apart ought to lend themselves to so simple a description **that even a child could understand them**." [bolding mine] All 884 pages of *Einstein: His Life and Times* are available at https://archive.org/details/einstein00rona

Rutherford's Nobel
https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/chemistry/1908/rutherford/facts/

Carl Sagan

Carl Edward Sagan (1934 − 1996) was Professor of Astronomy and Space Sciences and Director of the Laboratory for Planetary Studies at Cornell University. He played leading roles in the Mariner, Viking, and Voyager spacecraft expeditions for which he received NASA medals for Exceptional Scientific Achievement.

Dr. Sagan received the Pulitzer Prize plus the highest awards of both the National Academy of Sciences and the National Science Foundation (and many other awards) for his contributions to science, literature, education, and the preservation of the environment. His *Cosmos* was the bestselling science book ever published in English.

The *Cosmos* television series won Emmy and Peabody Awards.

Foreboding (part 1)

I have a foreboding of an America in my children's or grandchildren's time -- when the United States is a service and information economy; when nearly all the manufacturing industries have slipped away to other countries; when awesome technological powers are in the hands of a very few, and no one representing the public interest can even grasp the issues; when the people have lost the ability to set their own agendas or knowledgeably question those in authority; when, clutching our crystals and nervously consulting our horoscopes, our critical faculties in decline, unable to distinguish between what feels good and what's true, we slide, almost without noticing, back into superstition and darkness...

(attribution on page 479)

Dumbing Down (part 2)

> The dumbing down of America is most evident in the slow decay of substantive content in the enormously influential media, the 30 second sound bites (now down to 10 seconds or less), lowest common denominator programming, credulous presentations on pseudoscience and superstition, but especially a kind of celebration of ignorance.

Both from *The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark* (1995) co-authored by Ann Druyan. The fundamental purpose was to explain the scientific method to laypeople and to encourage people to learn critical and skeptical thinking.

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The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark book is available at https://archive.org/details/B-001-001-709

The Baloney Detection Kit is on line at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Demon-Haunted_World#Baloney_detection_kit

Morally Bad

> It is morally as bad not to care whether a thing is true or not, so long as it makes you feel good, as it is not to care how you got your money as long as you have got it.

From *The Demon-Haunted World: Science as a Candle in the Dark* (1995) co-authored by Ann Druyan.

Method over Findings

> The method of science, as stodgy and grumpy as it may seem, is far more important than the findings of science. *Ibid.*

Pseudoscience & emotional needs

Pseudoscience speaks to powerful emotional needs that science often leaves unfulfilled. *Ibid.*

Extraordinary Claims/Evidence

Extraordinary claims
require extraordinary evidence.

From his *Cosmos* television series, Episode 12,
Encyclopaedia Galactica on December 14, 1980.

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Also known as the *Sagan Standard* and by its acronym ECREE. It is at the core of the scientific method, and a widespread model for critical thinking, rational thought, and skepticism. That Sagan said so is not disputed, but he wasn't the first to say so, not by centuries.

1708 Benjamin Bayly
1740 Arthur Ashley Sykes
1800 Beilby Porteus
1804 Elihu Palmer
1808 Thomas Jefferson (then president)
1814 Pierre-Simon Laplace
1824 William Craig Brownlee
1899 Théodore Flournoy

See also *Hitchens' Razor* on page 417
and *Occam's Razor* on page 840.

Extinction is the rule

Extinction is the rule.
Survival is the exception.

From Sagan's writings compiled in *The Varieties of Scientific Experience: A Personal View of the Search for God* (2007)
Compiled and edited by Ann Druyan after Sagan's death in 1996.

José Saramago

José de Sousa Saramago (1922 – 2010) was a Portuguese writer who received Nobel Prize in Literature (1998) as one "who with parables sustained by imagination, compassion and irony continually enables us once again to apprehend an elusory reality" per https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/literature/1998/summary/

Men/God/Good/Evil

Q: How can men be good without God?
A: How can men be so evil with God?

I could not find the precise words in his *The Gospel According to Jesus Christ* (1991) but the abbreviated form above is consistent with Saramango's written exploration of the relationships of humans and deity. https://archive.org/details/gospelaccordingt0000sara_s0y1

Jean-Paul Sartre

Jean-Paul Charles Aymard Sartre (1905 − 1980) was a French biographer, novelist, philosopher, playwright, political activist, and screenwriter. He was also a leader in the philosophy of existentialism exploring questions related to the meaning, purpose, and value of human existence.

Persuade by intimidation

> ... They delight in acting in bad faith, since they seek not to persuade by sound argument but to intimidate and disconcert. If you press them too closely, they will abruptly fall silent, loftily indicating by some phrase that the time for argument is past.

(attribution on next page)

From his book *Anti-Semite and Jew: An Exploration of the Etiology of Hate* (1945 and 1995) page 13.

Deep examinations of existentialism generally twist my brain in knots, but the preface by Michael Walzer explained why this book was different.

> Jean-Paul Sartre's book is a brilliant portrait of both anti-Semite and Jew, written by a non-Jew and from a non-Jewish point of view. Nothing of the anti-Semite either in his subtle form as a snob, or in his crude form as a gangster, escapes Sartre's sharp eye, and the whole problem of the Jew's relationship to the Gentile is examined in a concrete and living way, rather than in terms of sociological abstractions.

William Shakespeare

(1564–1616) he was an English playwright, perhaps the greatest English language writer, world's preeminent dramatist, with a sobriquet *Bard of Avon*. His known works is in the realm of 154 sonnets, 39 plays, three long narrative poems, and more. He is also a great source of insults, especially so as the target may not understand anything over two words.

Notable Coward

> A most notable coward, an infinite and endless liar, an hourly promise breaker, the owner of no one good quality.

From his play *All's Well That Ends Well,* Act 3, Scene 6. Create your own insult with "Shakespearean Insult Generators" or consider this compendium of 50+ insults including citation. The above was first in the list. https://nosweatshakespeare.com/resources/shakespeare-insults/

Quality of Mercy

The quality of mercy is not strained;
It is mightiest in the mightiest.

This is a shortened version of text found in *The Merchant of Venice*, Act IV, Scene I. In the modern day it is sad that we know more about the deviants from this philosophy than the myriad more who practice it.

Joseph Schumpeter

Joseph Alois Schumpeter (1883 – 1950) was an Austrian political economist. He served briefly as Finance Minister of Austria in 1919 and in 1932 became a professor at Harvard University.

Creative Destruction

The quote is on the next page. *Creative Destruction* is from his 1942 paper *Capitalism, Socialism and Democracy* describing the "process of industrial mutation that incessantly revolutionizes the economic structure from within, incessantly destroying the old one, incessantly creating a new one." See pages 82-85 of the 1943 UK 1st edition. 1979 5th edition 460 pages, is available at https://archive.org/details/j.-schumpeter-capitalism-socialism-and-democracy (more)

> Every piece of business strategy acquires its true significance only against the background of that process and within the situation created by it. It must be seen in its role in the perennial gale of creative destruction; it cannot be understood irrespective of it or ... on the hypothesis ... of a perennial lull. ... The first thing to go is the traditional conception of the modus operandi of competition. ... As soon as quality competition and sales effort are admitted into the sacred precincts of theory, the price variable is ousted from its dominant position.

The underlying churn of companies rising and falling would encourage innovation to increase capability (new functions) and/or productivity (improving existing functions) both of which make an economy stronger.

Adam Smith

Adam Smith (1723 – 1790) was a Scottish economist, philosopher, and author. He was also a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS), of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (FRSE), and of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA). He is generally recognized as the founder of modern economic theory and considered "The Father of Economics".

His most famous book was *An Inquiry into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations* (1776), often referred to by the short title *The Wealth of Nations.* The book considered economics as a comprehensive system wherein a poke "here" could be expected to have a result "there". Quote is on next page.

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Not Unreasonable Economics

It is not unreasonable that the rich should contribute to the public expense, not only in proportion to their revenue, but something more than in that proportion.

The quote is from *Wealth of Nations*
Book V: On the Revenue of the Sovereign or Commonwealth
Chapter II: On the Sources of the General
or Public Revenue of the Society
Part II: On Taxes under Taxes upon the Rent of House

and cited in
https://www.theatlantic.com/daily-dish/archive/2008/10/adam-smith-on-spreading-the-wealth/209787/

Stephen Sondheim

Stephen Joshua Sondheim (1930 – 2021) was an American composer, lyricist, and generally responsible for re-introducing the American musical.

Slotted Spoon

A slotted spoon holds no soup.

From the 1986 fairy tale-themed musical *Into the Woods* by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine describing the experiences of various familiar fairy-tale and fable characters in the woods.

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The phrase may have existed earlier, but no other attribution was found.

In The Woods (2014, Disney) runs about 125 minutes with a cast including Christine Baranski, Emily Blunt, James Corden, Johnny Depp, Anna Kendrick, Meryl Streep, and Tracey Ullman.

The musical is available on line at https://archive.org/details/into.the.-woods.-2014.720p.-blu-ray.x-264.-yify

The quote is also a reminder to use the right tool for the job.
See *Mosquito Cannon* on page 99.

Bento de Spinoza

Bento (or in Hebrew: Baruch, or in Latin: Benedictus, all three mean "blessed) (1632 – 1677) was a Jewish Dutch philosopher who wrote prolifically during the *Age of Reason* which followed the *Renaissance* and preceded the (sadly short) *Age of Enlightenment*.

Before the *Age of Reason* the more logical or deep thinking people did not question the status quo, at least not in public, lest they be denounced as heretics perhaps to be burned at the stake. Spinoza signed many of his works and letters with "caute", Latin meaning "be cautious." During his lifetime only *Principles of Cartesian Philosophy* (1663) was published in his own name. Spinoza died at age 44. Absent information it is easy to guess he was murdered for his perceived heresy, but Spinoza reportedly died in relative peace in 1677 and was buried at the Hague.

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Free Among Ignorants

> A free man, who lives among ignorant people, tries as much as he can to refuse their benefits. ... He who lives under the guidance of reason endeavours as much as possible to repay his fellow's hatred, rage, contempt, etc. with love and nobleness.

Proposition LXX (70) found in part 4 of his work *Ethics*.

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Ethics Part 1 *Concerning God*
https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Ethics_(Spinoza)/Part_1
also https://archive.org/details/ethicspart100919gut

Ethics Part 2 *On the Origin and Nature of the Mind*
https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Ethics_(Spinoza)/Part_2
also https://archive.org/details/ethicspart200920gut

Ethics Part 3 *On the Origin and Nature of the Emotions*
https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Ethics_(Spinoza)/Part_3
also https://archive.org/details/ethicspart300948gut

Ethics Part 4 *Of Human Bondage, or the Strength of the Emotions*
https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Ethics_(Spinoza)/Part_4
also https://archive.org/details/ethicspart400971gut

Nature isn’t by chance

> Nothing in nature is by chance... Something appears to be chance only because of our lack of knowledge.

That quote is a condensed version of parts from two propositions, both found in *Ethics* Part 1 (see links to sources on page above). **Proposition XXIX (29)**: Nothing in the universe is contingent, but all things are conditioned to exist and operate in a particular manner by the necessity of the divine nature. In **Proposition XXXIII (33)**: a thing can in no respect be called contingent, save in relation to the imperfection of our knowledge.

See also *God / Dice / Universe* on page 393.

Tom Stoppard

Born Tomáš Sträussler (1937 − ?) he is a Czech-born British playwright. That is Sir Tom, having received *The Order of Merit* (OM); *The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire* (CBE) for contributions to the arts and sciences; *Fellow of The Royal Society of Literature* (FRSL) as reward to those of literary merit and who exemplify literary talent; and *Fellowship of the British Academy* (HonFBA) for distinction in the humanities and social sciences.

Exits are also Entrances

> Every exit is an entrance somewhere else.

Widely attributed to Stoppard but a definitive citation wasn't found. This discussion is worth a gander. www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings/tom-stoppard-every-exit-is-an-entry-somewhere-else

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Alfred Tennyson (1809 − 1892) was Poet Laureate during Queen Victoria's reign. She made him the first Baron Tennyson and he took his seat in Great Britain's upper chamber, the House of Lords.

Loved & Lost

'Tis better to have loved and lost
than never to have loved at all.

In an elegy for Arthur Henry Hallam, a friend from Cambridge who died suddenly at age 22. *In Memoriam A. H. H.* (1850) is 2,916 lines of iambic tetrametre in 133 cantos (shorter lyric poems) and on line at https://poets.org/poem/memoriam-h-h

Age / Body / Spirit

> We are not now that strength which in old days
> Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are;
> One equal temper of heroic hearts,
> Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
> To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

This is the last stanza of the poem *Ulysses*, a writing that guided me throughout my life. Another is by Donne at page 372.

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In this poem an aged Ulysses yearns to again set sail and continue the adventures found in exploring the world. In Tennyson's view there is nobility in unending curiosity and undiminished spirit even as strength fades with age and the toll of adventures.

Ulysses was written in 1833 and published nine years later, in 1842. The whole poem is available at
https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45392/ulysses

A more modern version was expressed in just five words "**Never Give Up! Never Surrender!**" made popular in the movie *Galaxy Quest* (1999), story written by David Howard and screenplay by David Howard and Robert Gordon.

[and now, a little humor on getting older.]

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Bob Hope: I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.

Will Rogers: We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress.

Bob is **Leslie Townes Hope** (1903 − 2003), an American comedian, actor, and producer who entertained the people of the world for almost 80 of his 100 years. That he appeared in more than 70 short and feature films is impressive, but for me he will be remembered more for the United Service Organizations (USO) shows and other entertainers he took around the world to entertain those who served far from home. The quote is widely attributed to him, but no citation was found. Many more at https://www.internetpillar.com/bob-hope-quotes/

Will is **William Penn Adair Rogers** (1879 – 1935), a Native American of the Cherokee Nation, humorist, entertainer, vaudeville performer, actor, and social commentator. His easy going style made his sometimes scathing commentary easy to swallow. No citation was found.

Nikola Tesla

By any rational standard Tesla (1856 − 1943) was a major intellect in the nascent technology of generating and distributing electricity. He spoke eight languages with great proficiency including Serbo-Croatian, English, Czech, German, French, Hungarian, Italian and Latin. He could get around in several more.

The Serbian-American electrical and mechanical engineer invented and patented the rotating magnetic field, the core of most alternating-current machinery. He also developed and patented polyphase (two or more phases) electric power transmission.

Thinking clearly v deeply

The scientists from Franklin to Morse were clear thinkers and did not produce erroneous theories. The scientists of today think deeply instead of clearly. One must be sane to think clearly, but one can think deeply and be quite insane.

Today's scientists have substituted mathematics for experiments and they wander off through equation after equation and eventually build a structure which has no relation to reality.

Radio Power Will Revolutionize the World in *Modern Mechanix and Inventions* in July 1934
https://teslauniverse.com/nikola-tesla/articles/radio-power-will-revolutionize-world

Unlimited Power & Limited Minds

It is hard to give unlimited power to limited minds

Although widely credited to Tesla no source was found. The same image with white lines on blue background appears at many of the sites crediting Tesla. A site with quotes and credits does not show this one for Tesla. See https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Nikola_Tesla

The concept might better have read “It *should be* *hard* to ...”
Or “It is a bad idea to give unlimited power to limited minds.”

Alexis de Tocqueville

Alexis Charles Henri Clérel de Tocqueville (1805 − 1859) was a French diplomat, political scientist, political philosopher and historian. He is best known for his book *Democracy in America* available at https://www.gutenberg.org/files/816/816-h/816-h.htm

Congress bribes America

> The American Republic will endure until the day Congress discovers that it can bribe the public with the public's money.

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This can not be found in de Tocqueville's surviving writings. “Bribe” does not appear in his *Democracy in America*. Similar words were attributed to Professor Tytler (see the notes on page 510) in *This is the Hard Core of Freedom* by Elmer T. Peterson in *The Daily Oklahoman* (December 9, 1951).

> A democracy … can only exist until the majority discovers it can vote itself largess out of the public treasury. After that, the majority always votes for the candidate promising the most benefits with the result the democracy collapses …

Regardless of who wrote it first, the shorter form (on page above) should be widely disseminated to the public near voting times.

Perhaps print that quote on all voter registration cards?

Professor A. Tytler

Alexander Fraser Tytler (1747 − 1813), Lord Woodhouselee, member of the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, was a Scottish advocate, judge, writer and historian. He was a Professor of "Universal History, and Greek and Roman Antiquities" at the University of Edinburgh.

About "The Athenian Collapse" (next page): It was reportedly written before 1770 about the collapse a thousand years earlier. There is no reliable citation to Tytler as the original author of the whole piece. There is a secondhand attribution to part but no surviving evidence he wrote the whole thing. It is in keeping with Professor Tytler's known skill set, but, like Marx (Groucho, not Karl) and the *Politics is the art* ... quote (see notes following that quote on page 789) the documentation, if any, did not survive the duration.

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Regardless of who writ what, the words are worth reading.

Athenian Collapse

> A democracy cannot survive as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most money with the result being the democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, followed by a dictatorship.

This paragraph appeared in the December 9, 1951 *The Daily Oklahoman* in *This is the Hard Core of Freedom,* an op-ed by Elmer T. Peterson which attributed this paragraph to Tytler.

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The remainder (below) appeared in a speech by Henning Webb Prentiss, Jr., former president of the National Association of Manufacturers, during a commencement address at University of Pennsylvania *Cult of Competency* February 6, 1943.

The language is not identical. See https://archives.upenn.edu/digitized-resources/docs-pubs/commencement-addresses/address-1943-feb/88

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> The average age of the world's great civilizations has been two hundred years. These nations have progressed with the following sequence: from bondage to spiritual faith; from spiritual faith to great courage; from courage to liberty; from liberty to abundance; from abundance to selfishness; from selfishness to complacency; from complacency to apathy; from apathy to dependency; from dependency back to bondage.

The whole of Prentiss' speech is available as an 11 page PDF at http://ergo-sum.net/literature/CultOfCompetency.pdf

Nation's Life Cycle

Step one. From bondage to spiritual faith. When people of a country are being repressed by their government, there is a spiritual wakening, or even a renaissance. The resistance of bondage and repressive government helps to unite the people.

Step two. From spiritual faith to great courage. Once you begin to understand the nature of our reality and realise there is actually nothing to fear, then you can begin to exercise your courage against a repressive government — courage which all of us have.

Step three. From courage to liberty. Once you have found your courage, you can stand tall to demand your freedom from your bondage. For example, this has happened in history here in the UK with Magna Carta and in the United States with the Declaration of Independence. This is where true democracy begins to manifest. (more)

Step four. From liberty to abundance. Once people begin to enjoy their new found freedom, they realise this can be good for all and not just few, and abundance is created. In liberty, working together can make life easier for all and everyone can contribute to a better world for all.

Step five. From abundance to complacency. We have seen this now for a few years with the creation of the welfare state and the 'something for nothing' culture. Children are not being taught the value and importance of commodities such as fresh organic food, clean water, frequent light exercise, and daily meditation or self contemplation. There is no harm at the door and food comes easy, so our society complacently accepts everything as if it is normal.

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Step six. From complacency to apathy. Once a nation hits complacency, then the move to apathy is quick. It is painstakingly obvious that there are gangsters running the governments of the western world, and their rackets are in plain sight.

As Tacitus famously said, “The more corrupt the State, the more numerous the laws.” [see page 145] From paedophile cover ups, expense scandals, dangerous technologies being rolled out, massive conflicts of interest, the creation of our money supply by private corporations — all sanctioned in law — and politicians betraying the people by backtracking on their manifesto pledges, to mention but a few. There should be enormous public outcry, but all we see is a relatively few brave souls doing their best to get people to understand, acknowledge and most importantly, act. Apathy has taken hold of our society today. And this unfortunately is heading us very rapidly into the last two steps in the life cycle… (more)

Step seven. From apathy to dependence. We are becoming more and more dependent on money. As the Dalai Lama recently stated, humanity sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived.

Step eight. From dependency back to bondage. Once we become truly dependent on only money and lose all our other basic skills (such as food cultivation), which today are given away to government and big business, we truly become dependent on them for everything — and we fall back into bondage. The best way to describe this is by a native American Indian proverb: "Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realize that we can't eat money." (more)

Step nine. From bondage to back spiritual faith… and on it goes.

See attributions in line above and attribution in *Parker's Update*.

Parker's Update

There is an update to the nation's life cycle by Peter Paul Parker.

It is too long to be included here. See

https://wakeup-world.com/2015/12/05/the-life-cycle-of-a-democratic-society-and-where-we-are-in-that-cycle/

Gore Vidal

Eugene Luther Gore Vidal Jr. (1925 − 2012) was an American writer with grand wit often delivered as short writings expressing a single thought or observation. His longer novels and essays questioned social and cultural norms he perceived as drivers of American life. As logic might expect, he was involved in politics, particularly the skewering thereof!

Bring the Truth Back

Once a country is habituated to liars
it takes generations to bring the truth back.

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Those words were in the documentary film *Gore Vidal: The United States of Amnesia* (2013) released a year after his death.

It was directed by Nicholas Wrathall and included Christopher Hitchens (see page 417). As of 9/1/2023 the file is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zli2VHO4p1I 83 minutes.

Sadly many of us don't have generations remaining to again enjoy the sound of truth.

Vidal's book *Imperial America : Reflections on the United States of Amnesia* (2005) is available at https://archive.org/details/imperialamericar0000vida

Frans de Waal

(1948 − 2024) was a Dutch/American primatologist studying primate social behavior, how they fight, how they reconcile, share and cooperate.

Pillars of Morality

> Reciprocity (fairness) and
> Empathy (compassion for others) are the
> two columns on which the concept of Morality rests.

The quote is derived from a speech at *TEDx Peachtree* 2011, starting about 2m 50s from the start.
https://www.ted.com/talks/frans_de_waal_moral_behavior_in_animals . See also *Doing Great Harm* on page 591.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

(1850 − 1919) she was an American author and poet. She started writing at just eight years old. At 13 her work was published. Four of her poems were adapted as silent films. Her works included *Solitude*, which contains *Laugh, and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone*. See https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45937/solitude-56d225aad9924 *Orphan Black*'s last ten episodes titles can be found in her *Protest* linked below.

Sin / Silence / Cowards

> To sin by silence, when we should protest, makes ... cowards of men.

From *Protest* at https://poets.org/poem/protest.
In 2024 I'd replace "men" with "us all".

William of Wykeham

also spelled Wickham (1324 − 1404), he was a Bishop of Winchester and statesman.

Manners makyth man

is the motto of Winchester College and on their home page at https://www.winchestercollege.org/welcome/heritage

and the motto of New College, Oxford at https://www.new.ox.ac.uk/sites/default/files/1NCN1%20(2012)%20Griffith-Manners.pdf

both were founded by … William of Wykeham.

Lin Yutang

Lin Yutang (1895 − 1976) was a Chinese inventor, linguist, writer, translator, and philosopher.

Leaving Things

> On focus: Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone.
>
> The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials.

From his book *The Importance of Living* published 1937.

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All 488 pages of *The Importance of Living* are on line at
https://archive.org/details/TheImportanceOfLivingLinYutang_201602/The%20Importance%20of%20Living%20-%20Lin%20Yutang/

One review said it was witty antidote to the dizzying pace of the modern world. Yutang's prescription is the classic Chinese philosophy of life: Revere inaction as much as action, invoke humor to maintain a healthy attitude, and never forget that there will always be plenty of fools around who are willing-indeed, eager-to be busy, to make themselves useful, and to exercise power while you bask in the simple joy of existence.

At a time when we're overwhelmed with wake-up calls, here is a refreshing, playful reminder to savor life's simple pleasures.

The review
https://books.google.com/books/about/The_Importance_Of_Living.html

Business Leaders

Richard M. DeVos

Richard Marvin DeVos Sr. (1926 − 2018) was an American businessman who, with Jay Van Andel, founded Amway. DeVos also helped to create the modern religious conservative movement.

Power of Positive Push

> Few things in the world are more powerful than a positive push. A smile. A world of optimism and hope. A 'you can do it' when things are tough.

This quote is widely attributed to DeVos, but no reference I found cited a time or place of first creation.

Henry Ford

Henry Ford (1863 – 1947) was an American industrialist, founder of Ford Motor Company, and developed the concept of assembly lines to mass manufacture an automobile that could sell many if they were affordable to the large number of middle-class America.

Money Unmasks People

> Money doesn't change men, it merely unmasks them. If a man is naturally selfish or arrogant or greedy, the money brings that out, that's all.

From Bruce Barton's interview with Ford titled *It Would Be Fun To Start Over Again* published in *The American Magazine* Volume #91 April 1921. The interview starts on page 7 and the quote appears on page 124 https://books.google.com/books?id=LUg_AQAAMAAJ

Bill Gates

William Henry Gates III (1955 – ?) is an American business magnate, investor, and philanthropist. He is best known for co-founding software giant Microsoft and more recently his foundation has gathered global appreciation.

Leaders empower others

> As we look ahead into the next century, leaders will be those who empower others.

The quote has been reiterated many times and appears in print at https://www.inc.com/marcel-schwantes/bill-gates-explains-what-separates-successful-leaders-from-everyone-else-in-2-words.html

Charlie Munger

Charles Thomas Munger (1924 − 2023) was an American businessman, philanthropist, and vice chairman of the investment company Berkshire Hathaway, Warren Buffet chairman.

Beware Lollapalooza

[They] can make you rich, or they can kill you.

A “lollapalooza” is something outsized, really big. Bad ones can destroy so much value that even good ones won’t make you even.

If you go down 80% and then up 80%, you will still be down 64%. Down 80%? You need to go up **four times** to break even. (more)

How to get more of the good kind of outsized effect? Have the patience and wait for good opportunities. Also have resources (usually cash) ready when those opportunities arise.

From *Poor Charlie's Almanack: The Essential Wit and Wisdom of Charles T. Munger* (2005) 618 pages available at https://archive.org/details/poor-charlies-almanack-the-wi-charles-t.-munger-peter-d.-kau "lollapalooza" appears in several places. Start with its definition as "factors which reinforce and greatly amplify each other" about page 62 at the link above.

H. W. Newton

Howard W. Newton (1903-1951) was an American advertising executive credited with multiple quotes used in business culture.

Blame & Credit

> When a man blames others for his failures,
> it's a good idea to credit others with his successes.

Tact without Enemy

> Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy.

Although both quotes are commonly attributed to him, no source was found for the attribution.

David Rockefeller

David Rockefeller (1915 − 2017) was an American investment banker who served as chairman and chief executive of Chase Manhattan Corporation.

Without people life will be empty

> I am convinced that material things can contribute a lot to making one's life pleasant, but, basically, if you do not have very good friends and relatives who matter to you, life will be really empty and sad and material things cease to be important.

The quote is widely attributed to Rockefeller but no citation was found. Amazon has a refrigerator magnet crediting him with the quote. Amazon item B01M102NE9 that is B zero 1M1 zero 2NE9

Donald Trump

Donald Trump (1946 – ?) is an American business executive and became the 45th and 47th President of the United States.

Can't Know It All

> Watch, listen, and learn. You can't know it all yourself. Anyone who thinks they do is destined for mediocrity.

Trump: The Way to the Top: The Best Business Advice I Ever Received (2004), page 20. In his 2016 presidential campaign and term he often said "Only I can do it" contrary to his own advice. It is available at https://archive.org/details/trumpwaytotop00dona

Places

Holocaust Museum

Established April 22, 1993, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) is adjacent to the National Mall in Washington, DC where it provides for the documentation, study, and interpretation of Holocaust history. The original *Signs of Fascism* was updated perhaps because of the 10-page essay *Ur-Fascism* by Umberto Eco (1995) which is on line at https://archive.org/details/umberto-eco-ur-fascism/umberto-eco-ur-fascism.lt/ The order of items in the signs vary.

This review is easier reading.
https://www.openculture.com/2016/11/umberto-eco-makes-a-list-of-the-14-common-features-of-fascism.html

Fascism Warning Signs

Rampant sexism
Fraudulent elections
Controlled mass media
Labor power suppressed
Disdain for human rights
Supremacy of the military
Corporate power protected
Rampant cronyism and corruption
Disdain for intellectual and the arts
Powerful and continuing nationalism
Religion and government intertwined
Obsession with crime and punishment
Identification of enemies as a unifying cause

Billboards

Including signage with messages along public roads and in public view from businesses, schools, houses of worship, government facilities, etc.

Not Teaching History

Those preventing history from being taught intend to repeat it

Allendale United Methodist Church is on Facebook. This link, dated August 20, 2023, shows that phrase on their public display.

https://www.facebook.com/allendaleumc/posts/pfbid02Dg5xngrkCe7ifXDrn7Rcm9vPNkbRXmTyTdrrMam8hVsEL2MTewT1Ldg283p8cFExl

Burma-Shave

From about 1927 to 1963 American highways were decorated with large single signs adjacent to the roads. There were also spaced, sequential large signs with a rhyming message. Most were product advertising with a few public safety messages. Few survive today. Here are three. I remember seeing the first one.

Past	Train approaching	Drive like
Schoolhouses	Whistle squealing	A railroad engineer
Take it slow	Stop	Take it easy
Let the little	Avoid that run-down	When the road's
Shavers grow	feeling	Not clear
Burma-Shave	Burma-Shave	Burma-Shave

(more)

For an archive by year at http://burma-shave.org/jingles/

see also *The Verse by the Side of the Road: The Story of the Burma-Shave Signs and Jingles.* (1965) written by Frank Rowsome Jr with drawings by Carl Rose.

Available on line at
https://archive.org/details/versebysideofroa00rows

University of South Africa

The University of South Africa was founded in 1873 and was originally known as the University of the Cape of Good Hope. UNISA was formed as an umbrella of over a dozen universities in the nation. As of 2022 UNISA has over 400,000 active students, including students from 130 other nations.

Their motto:

Pro Gentibus Sapientia

"In the service of humanity"

can be found on their fact sheet at
http://lsa.unisa.ac.za/news/archive/april/vol1/fact.html

How to destroy a country

At an entrance this message was posted for contemplation:

> Destroying any nation does not require the use of atomic bombs or the use of long range missiles … **it requires only lowering the quality of education** and allowing cheating in the examinations by the students.
>
> Patients die at the hands of such doctors.
>
> Buildings collapse at the hands of such engineers.
>
> Money is lost at the hands of such economists and accountants.
>
> Humanity dies at the hands of such religious scholars.

(bolding mine) (more)

Justice is lost at the hands of such judges.

Unjustifiable/unpatriotic actions are supported by citizens who passed exams through cheating.

Substandard works are done by the public/civil servant who passed exams through cheating.

The collapse of education
is the collapse of the nation

[Larger font and bolding mine] Multiple citations to Mandela (see page 284) as author was found, but without attribution to date, time, or place.

University of Texas

Founded in 1883 UT/Austin is part of the University of Texas System. As of 2022 it had 52,384 students.

Change the World

Their motto:

What Starts Here
Changes The World

The motto is displayed in several places.
https://giving.utexas.edu/it-starts-here/

Others Real & Fictional

William Adama

A fictional character, William Adama was to be the last commander of the Battlestar *Galactica* before it, and he, retired. Then the Cylons returned.

Separating Military from Police

> There is a reason you separate military and the police. One fights the enemies of the state, the other serves and protects the people. When the military becomes both, the enemies of the state tend to become the people.

Battlestar Galactica, Season 1, Episode 2, titled *Water,* and written by Ronald D. Moore.

Scott Adams

Scott Raymond Adams (1957 – ?) created the *Dilbert* series of comics strips, and authored several nonfiction works of business, commentary, and satire.

Suitable High Explosives

There are very few personal problems that cannot be solved through a suitable application of high explosives.

Generally attributed to Adams, but no citation was found.

A citation was found giving attribution to *Third Grave Dead Ahead* (2012) by Darynda Jones.

Ian Adamson

By profession Dr. Adamson (1944 − 2019) was a pediatrician, specialist in community child health and immunization against tropical diseases. He spoke 10 languages including Ulster Scots, Russian, Swahili, Dutch, and Irish. He also spoke Lakota Sioux and was a member of the tribe. A historian, he wrote books on a wide variety of subjects. He was Lord Mayor of Belfast (1996 − 1997), member of the Northern Ireland Assembly for East Belfast (1998 − 2003), received the Order of the British Empire (1998) and was High Sheriff in 2011.

Widening Horizons

People do not change their minds,
rather their horizons are widened.

(more)

Here is some context for the short quote:

> History is primarily a record of human relationship with a vast network of variation in the manner of its evolution. Now is the time to widen its perspective beyond the religious and political divide. People do not change their minds, rather their horizons are widened. We begin to comprehend that what we thought was the whole of reality is but a small part and that a representation. [underlining mine]

From his *The Academic Suppression of the history of the native British or Cruthin, the People of the Pretani* at http://www.ianadamson.net/the-academic-suppression-of-the-native-british-or-pretani-the-people-of-the-cruthin I found no date of first publication.

Muhammad Ali

Born Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. (1942 − 2016) Ali was an amateur boxer at age 12, an Olympic gold medalist at 18, and went professional later that same year. His career was legendary.

Service Done for Others

The Service you do for others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth.

Frequently attributed to Ali with variations from others including:

> Service is the rent we pay for being. It is the very purpose of life, and not something you do in your spare time.
>
> Marian Wright Edelman

Ancient One

This is fictional character in the *Marvel Cinematic Universe*, the Ancient One is not a person, but a title. This particular one has no earthly name and she is the current Sorceress Supreme. Mordo is another character.

Living Above Demons

We never lose our demons, Mordo.
We only learn to live above them.

From the movie *Dr. Strange* (2016) and cited in
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1211837/quotes

Susan B. Anthony

Susan Brownell Anthony (1820 − 1906) was an American social reformer who played a vital role in moving women from the status of property to voting members of society. She was raised in the Quaker tradition in an environment of independence and morality. Sadly it would 14 years after she died before the Nineteenth Amendment was adopted.

God Wants What They Want

> I distrust those people who know so well what God wants them to do, because I notice it always coincides with their own desires.

(more)

See this quote and several others at
https://www.history.com/topics/womens-history/susan-b-anthony#quotes

The whole 19th Amendment:

> *The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.*

Apollo

Apollo was a Greek and Roman god of song, music, dance, truth, healing, poetry, archery, and more. This was a fictional character in the *Star Trek Universe* that first appeared in *Star Trek* (The Original Series), Season 2, Episode 2, titled *Who Mourns for Adonais?* and first aired September 22, 1967.

Surviving On Fear

No one should survive on fear.

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Over the centuries sometimes a thought is expressed in flowery language that may obscure the underlying concept. The above quote is very plain.

> Rarely is a truth expressed in terms so plain as to command understanding, transcending even the thickest of skins.

From the fan created series *Star Trek Continues,* Episode 1, titled *Pilgrim of Eternity,* and first aired May 26, 2013. Story by Vic Mignogna and Jack Marshall. Teleplay by Steve Frattarola and Jack Treviño. The quote is about 36m 28s into the episode which is on line at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3G-ziTBAkbQ

Jonathan Archer

Captain Archer is a fictional character, part of the *Star Trek Universe* created by Gene Roddenberry. Archer is serving as captain of the first starship *Enterprise* (NX-01).

The *Enterprise* made first contact with other species. Here Captain Archer was addressing representatives of those species, starting the process of what would become the *United Federation of Planets*.

The quote is on the next page. It is from *Star Trek: Enterprise* Season 4, Episode 21, titled *Terra Prime*, first aired May 13, 2005, written by Judith Reeves-Stevens, Garfield Reeves-Stevens, and Manny Coto.

(more)

Alone & Explorers

Up until about 100 years ago, there was one question that burned in every human that made us study the stars and dream of traveling to them: “Are we alone?” Our generation is privileged to know the answer to that question.

We are all explorers, driven to know what’s over the horizon, what’s beyond our own shores. And yet, the more I’ve experienced, the more I’ve learned that no matter how far we travel or how fast we get there, the most profound discoveries are not necessarily beyond that next star. They’re within us; woven into the threads that bind us, all of us, to each other.

The Final Frontier begins in this hall. Let’s explore it together.

Isaac Asimov

Isaac Asimov (1920 − 1992) was a professor of biochemistry at Boston University and an author/editor of over 500 books.

The "Big Three" of American science fiction were Asimov, Heinlein (page 700), and Clarke (page 630).

Facts, Brick, Timber

> Facts are a heap of bricks and timber. It is only a successful theory that can convert the heap into a stately mansion.

Epigraph in *Isaac Asimov's Book of Science and Nature Quotations* (1988) page 324.

Cult of Ignorance

> There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that "my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge."

His essay *A Cult of Ignorance* was published on page 19 of the *Newsweek Magazine* on January 1st, 1980. The quote above is the third paragraph of the essay. The one page is on line at https://aphelis.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/ASIMOV_1980_Cult_of_Ignorance.pdf

Stupidity as patriotism

When stupidity is considered patriotism,
it is unsafe to be intelligent.

Widely attributed to Asimov but no specific citation was found. It is in keeping with many other statements made by him.

"Against stupidity the Gods themselves contend in vain." In *The Gods Themselves* (1972) Asimov quoted from Friedrich Schiller for the title. *The Gods Themselves* won the Nebula Award for Best Novel in 1972 and the Hugo Award for Best Novel in 1973.

Ignoring thinking minds

> Imagine the people who ignore, totally, all the patient findings of thinking minds through all the centuries since the Bible was written. It is these ignorant people, the most uneducated, the most unimaginative, the most unthinking among us, who would make themselves the guides and leaders of us all; who would force their feeble and childish beliefs on us; who would invade our schools and libraries and homes. I personally resent it bitterly.

From the article *The Blind Who Would Lead*, February 2, 1981 in *Maclean's,* a Canadian news magazine founded in 1905. It was included in Asimov's anthology *Opus 300* (1984), the title drawing on the 300+ published items of his at that time. The thought was expressed with slight variations in other places.

Science is uncertain

> Science is uncertain. Theories are subject to revision; observations are open to a variety of interpretations, and scientists quarrel amongst themselves. This is disillusioning for those untrained in the scientific method, who thus turn to the rigid certainty of the Bible instead. There is something comfortable about a view that allows for no deviation and that spares you the painful necessity of having to think.

From Asimov's *The 'Threat' of Creationism* published in the *NY Times Magazine* of June 14, 1981.
https://www.nytimes.com/1981/06/14/magazine/the-threat-of-creationism.html

If past notions are fixed ...

> They won't listen. Do you know why? Because they have certain fixed notions about the past. Any change would be blasphemy in their eyes, even if it were the truth.
>
> They don't want the truth; they want their traditions.

From his *Pebble in the Sky* (1950) and republished many times.

Faithful adherents

There is no belief, however foolish,
that will not gather its faithful adherents
who will defend it to the death.

From his *The Stars in Their Courses* (1974) about page 36. The whole 224 pages are available on line at
https://archive.org/details/starsintheircour0000asim

Self Education

> Self-education is, I firmly believe, the only kind of education there is. The only function of a school is to make self-education easier; failing that, it does nothing.

Others expressed similar opinions as early as 1913. *The only education worth while is self-education* was attributed to high school teacher Charles Swain Thomas as reported in *Indianapolis Star* 1913.

In March 1974 Asimov published *How to Write 148 Books Without Really Trying* in *Chemtech,* a publication of the American Chemical Society. He updated the essay in 1975 to *160 Books* and that was included in Asimov's collection *Science Past, Science Future* (1975).

Education never ends

People think of education
as something that they can finish.

From his *Tyrann,* the first installment of the cover story in the fourth issue of *Galaxy Science Fiction* in January 1951.

Subsequent installments appeared in the February and March issues. The installments were collectively published as *The Stars, Like Dust* later in 1951.

The surprise ending was adapted for *Star Trek* Season 2, Episode 23, titled *The Omega Glory,* written by Gene Roddenberry, and first broadcast March 1, 1968.

Stop learning, start decaying

The day you stop learning
is the day you begin decaying.

Attributed to Asimov in *Onward! 25 Years of Advice, Exhortation, and Inspiration from America's Best Commencement Speeches* by Peter Smith (2000).

The day you stop learning is the day you begin dying.

Attributed to Einstein in *100 Things Successful People Do: Little Exercises for Successful Living* by Nigel Cumberland (2016).

Book Banning

> Any book worth banning is a book worth reading.

Widely attributed to Asimov, but I could not find a citation to the source. Certainly in keeping with his expressed opinion on education in general.

Science Faster than Societal Wisdom

> The saddest aspect of life right now is that science gathers knowledge faster than society gathers wisdom.

From *Isaac Asimov's Book of Science and Nature Quotations* (1988) page 281. Edited with Jason A. Shulman.

Premise of Democracy / Literacy

> Increasingly, our leaders must deal with dangers that threaten the entire world, where an understanding of those dangers and the possible solutions depends on a good grasp of science. The ozone layer, the greenhouse effect, acid rain, questions of diet and heredity. All require scientific literacy. Can Americans choose the proper leaders and support the proper programs if they themselves are scientifically illiterate? The whole premise of democracy is that it is safe to leave important questions to the court of public opinion - but is it safe to leave them to the court of public ignorance?

Widely attributed to Asimov, but I could not find a citation to the source. Consonant with his writings on the state of the planet.

Happiness is

> Maybe happiness is this: not feeling like you should be elsewhere, doing something else, being someone else.

Sometimes attributed to Asimov, but no citation found for him,

Citation found for Eric Weiner in his book *The geography of bliss : one grump's search for the happiest places in the world* (2009) page 64.

Easiest way to solve a problem

The easiest way to solve a problem is to deny it exists.

From Asimov's book *The Gods Themselves* (1972) Section 3, Chapter 10, page 236.

Asimov's sarcasm was evident in the book, but less clear in the quote. “Solved” the problem is not, but some will say it is.

Denial isn't a solution. Denial reduces the problem from public awareness. Problems, left unresolved, tend to come back stronger.

How many “disaster movies” start with some politician or bureaucrat ignoring a scientist's warning?

Nations or Humanity?

> There are no nations! There is only humanity. And if we don't come to understand that right soon, there will be no nations, because there will be no humanity.

From Asimov's book *I. Asimov: A Memoir* (1995)

Friend of a conqueror

> It is well-known that the friend of
> a conqueror is but the last victim.

From his book *Foundation and Empire* (1952) in Chapter 22 *Death on Neotrantor.*

Foreseeing unforeseen catastrophes

> What is really amazing, and frustrating, is mankind's habit of refusing to see the obvious and inevitable until it is there, and then muttering about unforeseen catastrophes.

From his book *Asimov on Science Fiction* (1982).

Hardin's Words

Salvor Hardin was a fictional character in Asimov's *Foundation* series. These words all sound applicable in the 2020s … so far.

Violence is the last refuge of the incompetent.

An atom-blaster is a good weapon, but it can point both ways.

It pays to be obvious, especially if you have a reputation for subtlety.

To succeed, planning alone is insufficient. One must improvise as well.

Nothing has to be true, but everything has to sound like it was.

Never let your sense of morals prevent you from doing what is right.

Hardin Inverted

Inverse forms of Hardin's words are also applicable.

> It pays to be subtle if you have a reputation for obviousness.
>
> Improvisation alone is insufficient, you have to plan.
>
> Something has to be true or sounding true will become a signal for false.
>
> Not having a sense of morals allows you to perpetuate what is wrong.
>
> The competent avoid violence except as a last resort.

Brooks Atwood

He (1973 or 1974 – ?) is one of four experts in the *Hack My Home* show on Netflix. He received a Bachelor of Architecture degree with high honors from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1999 and was valedictorian.

He is one of the "world's innovative creators" by Eyes In Magazine and one of six "Emerging US Designers" by the Museum of Arts & Design.

He gave a TEDx talk *Collaborative Opportunities are Everywhere*
Available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCQv6khRRbc
See more at http://brooksatwood.com/

Flaneur

It means to just basically wander around and discover things you wouldn't have discovered if you were actually looking for them.

Style has Formula

All my projects don't have a style. I hate that word. Style has a formula. I like "mood" or "vibe".

quoted from a story by Tad Vezner in Illinois Tech Magazine, Fall 2023, starting on page 8. *Flaneur* … discovery by walkabout!

Sir Francis Bacon

Francis Bacon, 1st Viscount St. Alban, 1st Baron Verulam, PC (1561 – 1626) was an English philosopher and statesman. He served as Attorney General and Lord Chancellor of England under King James I. Bacon was a strong proponent of natural philosophy using scientific method.

Profess vs Practice

It's not what we profess,
but what we practice that gives us integrity.

(more)

That is part of

> "It's not what we eat but what we digest that makes us strong;
> not what we gain but what we save that makes us rich;
> not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned;
> and not what we profess but what we practice that gives us integrity."

The language above is more modern than the English used by Bacon. See *The Essays Of Francis Bacon* (originally published 1957) https://archive.org/details/essaysoffrancisb0000baco_j3q5 and https://archive.org/details/essays-of-francis-bacon_202308 No citation was found.

As an aside: *Orphan Black* season 2 episode titles are taken from Bacon's *Novum Organum* about new system of logic, available on line at https://archive.org/details/novumorganum0000baco_t7v4

See also Baldwin's *What You Say/Do* on page 581.

James Baldwin

James Arthur Baldwin (1924 – 1987) was an African-American civil rights activist during the turbulent 1950s and 1960s and beyond. He wrote more than a dozen novels, about ten short stories, over 110 essays, plays and poems. See https://www.britannica.com/biography/James-Baldwin and https://www.biography.com/authors-writers/james-baldwin

What You Say/Do

I can't believe what you say,
because I see what you do.

(more)

Baldwin wrote that in his essay *A Report from Occupied Territory* for *The Nation*. It was published July 11, 1966 and available at https://www.thenation.com/article/archive/report-occupied-territory/

Baldwin was quoting a song. While not specified it may have been released September 12, 1964 as *I Can't Believe What You Say (For Seeing What You Do)* by Ike Turner and Tina Turner. Hear it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NcGwjiri-6g

The lyrics are at https://genius.com/Ike-and-tina-turner-i-cant-believe-what-you-say-for-seeing-what-you-do-lyrics

See also Bacon's *Profess vs Practice* on page 579.

John Basil Barnhill

John Basil Barnhill (1864 − 1929) was a lecturer, debater, and writer. He sometimes used the nom de plume “John Erwin McCall” when editing various journals.

Fear People Government

Where the people fear the government you have tyranny.
Where the government fears the people you have liberty.

(See next page for citation and notes)

Often mis-attributed to Jefferson, Madison, and others this was Barnhill in a debate with Henry Milford Tichenor during *Indictment of Socialism No. 3.* The series was compiled into a 63-page pamphlet titled *Barnhill-Tichenor Debate on Socialism.* Page 33 has the quote https://archive.org/details/BarnhillTichenor

Also via Stanford Libraries. *Barnhill-Tichenor debate on socialism: as it appeared in the National rip-saw.* https://searchworks.stanford.edu/articles/edshlc__edshlc.002718859.0

Eleanor Bartlet

Is a fictional character in the television series *West Wing* (1999 – 2006) as the eldest daughter of President Josiah Bartlet, then president. She is speaking as her research work is being attacked for political gain.

Quote below is from Season 5, Episode 16, titled *Epper Si Muove*, Latin for what Galileo was thought to say when he exited the court for recanting his then-heretical theory the Earth orbits the sun. As the words didn't appear until the 1700s his statement appears of questionable authenticity.

The quote appears at the end of of the episode.

Source: https://westwingwiki.com/2014/04/season-5-episode-16-eppur-si-muove/

Science vs Ideology

Science cannot exist in a vacuum. By nature it's an open enterprise, strengthened by public scrutiny. Openness is the basis of a free society. But when science is attacked on ideological grounds, its integrity and usefulness are threatened.

Independent peer-reviewed research is the cornerstone of science in America. It shouldn't be about the left or the right, but what works to keep people safe and healthy. I believe all Americans and all people everywhere, no matter who they are or how they live, deserve research to improve their lives.

Thomas Jefferson said, *We must not be afraid to follow the truth wherever it may lead.* Scientific truth ennobles us. It tells us who we are, where we've been, and where we're going. I believe the truth will only be found when all scientists are free to pursue it. Thank you.

Simone de Beauvoir

Simone Lucie Ernestine Marie Bertrand de Beauvoir (1908 − 1986) was a French philosopher, writer, social theorist, and feminist activist.

Respect & Death

> It must be added that the men who most respect embryonic life are the same ones who do not hesitate to send adults to death in war.

Found at the bottom of page 598 in her book *The Second Sex* (1949). The whole book is 873 pages long and available at https://archive.org/details/1949SimoneDeBeauvoirTheSecondSex

One Crisis

> Never forget that it takes only one political, economic or religious crisis for women's rights to be put in jeopardy.
>
> Those rights are never to be taken for granted; you must remain vigilant throughout your entire life.

Commonly attributed to her but none of the dozen attributes cited a source. It is certainly in keeping with her opinions as expressed in *The Second Sex* but multiple searches didn't find the words.

Yehuda Berg

He is an orthodox rabbi (1972 − ?) named #4 in Newsweek's 2007 list of America's Top 50 Rabbis for his teachings of the Kabbalah.

Power of Words

> Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble.

Posted on his Facebook page September 15, 2010
https://www.facebook.com/yehuda.berg/posts/160262703989960

Leonard Bernstein

Leonard (formerly Louis) Bernstein (1918 − 1990) was an American pianist, composer, conductor, music educator, author, and humanitarian. Perhaps his most famous creation was the play *West Side Story* in 1957. The 1961 film earned 10 Academy Awards.

Great Things

To achieve great things, two things are needed:
a plan and not quite enough time.

Cited at https://fherehab.com/learning/leonard-bernstein
Bernstein's life had some definite bumps and falls.

Charles Blow

Charles McRay Blow (1970 − ?) is an American journalist, author, commentator, political analyst, and columnist for major newspapers and television.

Doing Great Harm

> One doesn't have to operate with great malice to do great harm. The absences of empathy and understanding are sufficient. In fact, a man convinced of his virtue even in the midst of his vice is the worst kind of man.

(more)

From his column in the N. Y. Times *I know why the caged bird shrieks.* Published 9/19/2012 it is the second paragraph from the bottom and available at

https://archive.nytimes.com/campaignstops.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/09/19/blow-i-know-why-the-caged-bird-shrieks/

His *Fire shut up in my bones : a memoir* is available at https://archive.org/details/fireshutupinmybo0000blow

more quotes from Blow
https://elevatesociety.com/quotes-by-charles-m-blow/

See also de Wall's *Pillars of Morality* on page 521.

W. E. B. Du Bois

William Edward Burghardt Du Bois (1868 − 1963) was an American sociologist, socialist, historian, Pan-Africanist civil rights activist, and professor of history, sociology, and economics.

Prosperity of a nation

> We should measure the prosperity of a nation not by the number of millionaires, but by the absence of poverty, the prevalence of health, the efficiency of the public schools, and the number of people who can and do read worthwhile books.

The quote was in a 1953 speech at the California Peace Crusade. The whole speech is worth reading and available on line at https://www.counterpunch.org/2007/11/19/another-look-at-w-e-b-dubois/

Bortas of Moclas

Bortas is a lieutenant commander in the Planetary Union's fleet, serving aboard the *USS Orville*. See also Klyden of Moclas on page 757.

Soul / Sacrifice / Civilization

Between soul and sacrifice beats the heart of civilization.

Bortas was quoting the works of Gondus Elden (reportedly a Moclan male and considered a great author). Elden was later revealed to be a nom de plume of Heveena, a Moclan female, who had lived in seclusion.

Quoted from *The Orville*, Season 1, Episode 3, titled *About a Girl*, written by series creator Seth MacFarlane, and first aired September 21, 2017. This quote and many others can be found at https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/The_Orville.

Robert Boyce

Robert William Dewar Boyce (1943 − ?) is a professional historian, economist, and senior lecturer of International History at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Knowledge/Power/Multiplied

Knowledge is power.
Knowledge shared is power multiplied.

Widely (really widely) attributed to Boyce but no specific citation as to date or place was found.

(more)

The phrase *Knowledge is Power* has been around for over 1,500 years. Imam Ali Ibn Abu Talib (599 − 661) wrote in *Nahjul Balagha* (also known as *Nahj Al-Balagha*) as translated to English: *The Way of Eloquence* or *The Peak of Eloquence*:

> "Knowledge is power and it can command obedience (maʿrifatu al-ʿilmi dīnun yadānu bihi). A man of knowledge during his lifetime can make people obey and follow him and he is praised and venerated after his death. Remember that knowledge is a ruler and wealth is its subject. (Saying 147.5)"

The 1,024 page book is available at https://archive.org/details/peak-of-eloquence-nahjul-balagha-by-imam-ali-ibn-abu-talib-murtada-mutahhari-com

Alberto Brandolini

In January 2013 he was an Italian programmer who published the *BS Asymmetry Principle* also known as *Brandolini's Law.*

BS Asymmetry Principle

The amount of energy needed to refute BS
is an order of magnitude larger than it took to produce it.

Ex: **BS**: “The moon is made of green cheese.” (energy=1) **Refutation**: “In the 1950s the lunar orbit speed and periodicity indicated a density much greater than cheese. In the 1960s we sent multiple astronauts to the moon and they reported rock and regolith, no cheese.” (energy=10)

BS: “I'm entitled to my opinion!”
Refutation: {thought, but not spoken: “not as a statement of fact!”}

Bertolt Brecht

Eugen Berthold Friedrich Brecht (1898 − 1956) was a German theater practitioner, playwright, and poet.

Truth / Fool / Criminal

Who does not know the truth is simply a fool.
Yet who knows the truth and calls it a lie, is a criminal.

From Brecht's play *Life of Galileo* first performed at the Zurich Schauspielhaus in 1943. The play was recrafted for an American audience and opened at the Coronet Theatre in Los Angeles in July 1947. A paperback version was published in 2008. Available at https://archive.org/details/lifeofgalileo0000brec 196 pages.

The Worst Illiterate

> The worst illiterate is the political illiterate. He hears nothing, sees nothing, takes no part in political life. He doesn't seem to know that the cost of living, the price of beans, of flour, of rent, of medicines all depend on political decisions.
>
> He even prides himself on his political ignorance, sticks out his chest and says he hates politics. He doesn't know, the imbecile, that from his political non-participation comes the prostitute, the abandoned child, the robber and, worst of all, corrupt officials, the lackeys of exploitative multinational corporations.

The quote is widespread as are attributions found for Brecht, yet nothing provides a reference to the source.

Daniel J. Boorstin

Daniel Joseph Boorstin (1914 − 2004) was an American historian, author, and 12th Librarian of Congress (1975 − 1987).

Ignorance / Illusion of knowledge

The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance,
it is the illusion of knowledge.

Source: Boorstin interview in *The Washington Post* on January 29, 1984 titled *The 6 O'Clock Scholar: Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin And His Love Affair With Books* by Carol Krucoff. Start page K1, quote on page K8, in Column 2.

Alain de Botton

Alain de Botton (1969 – ?) is a Swiss-born British author and philosopher. His books discuss various contemporary subjects and themes, emphasizing the relevance of philosophy in everyday life. See also https://www.ted.com/speakers/alain_de_botton

Emotionally Intelligent Person

The emotionally intelligent person knows that love is a skill, not a feeling, and will require trust, vulnerability, generosity, humor, sexual understanding, and selective resignation.

The emotionally intelligent person awards themselves the time to determine what gives their working life meaning and has the confidence and tenacity to try to find an accommodation between their inner priorities and the demands of the world. (more)

The emotionally intelligent person knows how to hope and be grateful, while remaining steadfast before the essentially tragic structure of existence.

The emotionally intelligent person knows that they will only ever be mentally healthy in a few areas and at certain moments, but is committed to fathoming their inadequacies and warning others of them in good time, with apology and charm. There are few catastrophes, in our own lives or in those of nations, that do not ultimately have their origins in emotional ignorance.

Alain de Botton on Existential Maturity and What Emotional Intelligence Really Means, cited in *The Marginalian* on November 25, 2019.

https://www.themarginalian.org/2019/11/25/the-school-of-life-book/

Charles Bukowski

Heinrich Karl Bukowski (1920 − 1994) was an American whose writing addressed the ordinary lives of Americans, alcohol, and the drudgery of work.

World / intelligent / stupid

The problem with the world is that
intelligent people are full of doubts
and the stupid ones are full of confidence.

Sunlight Here I Am: Interviews & Encounters: 1963-1993 by Charles Bukowski, (2003) Editor David Stephen Calonne. Similar phrases by W. B. Yeats in *The Second Coming* (1920) and Bertrand Russell in *The Triumph of Stupidity* (1933). See also *Dunning-Kruger* on page 655.

Getting out of bed

> Sometimes you climb out of bed in the morning and you think, I'm not going to make it, but you laugh inside – remembering all the times you've felt that way . . .

The start of Bukowski's poem *Gamblers All* at https://allpoetry.com/Gamblers-All

See also *Track Record* on page 949.

William Bullard

Bill Bullard was the Dean of Faculty at San Francisco University High School, a private college preparatory that opened in 1975. Here are two quotes from the 2007 Commencement Address.

Opinion=low knowledge

> Opinion is really the lowest form of human knowledge.
>
> It requires no accountability, no understanding. The highest form of knowledge… is empathy, for it requires us to suspend our egos and live in another's world. It requires profound purpose larger than the self kind of understanding.

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In the same commencement address Bullard said:

Problems Outside Us

> Schools teach us to be clever, great problem solvers, but not to include ourselves in the problem that's being solved. This is a great delusion. It makes us arrogant and complacent and teaches us to look at the world as a problem outside of us. As in Oedipus, public problems – the plague on Thebes or our own pestilences, war or global warming – are private problems.
>
> The plague is only lifted when each person sees his responsibility not in analyzing the problem, not in solving the riddle, but in changing our actions to address a public need. Oedipus destroyed the two things that had deceived him – his eyes and his power – and in so doing saved his city. *Ibid.* [underlining mine] (more)

As an aside: *Research takes time!*

There were many with the same name from basketball players to politicians. One of the blind alleys was William Bullard (1943 − 2020), a Michigan state representative from the 38th district, then the 60th, and later a state senator from the 15th district.

Octavia Butler

Octavia Estelle Butler (1947 – 2006) was the author of numerous novels that received the Locus, Hugo, and Nebula awards. She received a PEN Lifetime Achievement Award and was the first science fiction writer to receive a MacArthur Fellowship. In 2023 her work was shown to be prescient in the areas of racial injustice, women's rights, political dysfunction, and global warming. Over two hundred colleges and universities nationwide include her literary contributions in their coursework.

The quote below is from page 91 of her book, *Parable of the Talents* (2019) which won science fiction's Nebula Award. See https://archive.org/details/parableoftalents0000butl_i9o0

Choosing Leaders

Choose your leaders with wisdom and forethought.

To be led by a coward is to be
controlled by all that the coward fears.

To be led by a fool is to be
led by the opportunists who control the fool.

To be led by a thief is to
offer up your most precious treasures to be stolen.

To be led by a liar is to
ask to be told lies.

To be led by a tyrant is to
sell yourself and those you love into slavery.

Lord Byron

The 6th Baron Byron was George Gordon Byron (1788 − 1824) an English romantic poet.

Laugh/Weep

And if I laugh at any mortal thing,
'Tis that I may not weep.

The quote is from his satiric poem *Don Juan*. Available at https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43828/don-juan-dedication

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The story of Don Juan may have started with a play *El burlador de Sevilla y convidado de piedra* (English: *The Trickster of Seville and the Stone Guest*), by Tirso de Molina using the pen name of Gabriel Téllez around 1630.

That is according to *The Don Juan Legend in Literature* by Samuel M. Waxman (1908) and published in the *Journal of American Folklore*. https://americanfolkloresociety.org/journal/

[just because → The movie *Don Juan* (1926) is available at https://archive.org/details/don-juan_202304 (1hr 52m)]

Harry Callahan

“Dirty” Harry Callahan is a fictional San Francisco Police Inspector in several movies. Always played by Clint Eastwood with a big pistol.

Know Limitations

A man's got to know his limitations.

or the modern version

You've got to know your limitations.

From *Magnum Force* (1973) written by
Harry Julian Fink, Rita M. Fink, and John Milius.

George Carlin

George Denis Patrick Carlin (1937 – 2008) was an American comedian, actor, author, and scathing social critic.

No Critical Thinking in School

Carlin speaks on why critical thinking isn't included in school. As text the words alone are insufficient to communicate the depth of his passion on the topic. 4m 24s. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nyvxt1svxso

Definitely not safe for work (NSFW) or for children (NSFC).

Ignorant Citizens/Leaders

Ignorant citizens elect ignorant leaders. It is as simple as that.

He said that mixed with a few other words.

Video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xIraCchPDhk
For transcript with time stamps look just below the video window.

Transcript also at https://www.icomedytv.com/content/george-carlin-on-voting-transcript

Sharon Carter

in the Marvel Cinematic Universe she is a fictional character in several movies. At the time of this movie she was an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. and speaking at the funeral of her great-aunt Margaret "Peggy" Carter, founder of S.H.I.E.L.D. . . .

Compromise or Stand Firm

> ... Aunt Peggy had a photograph in her office standing next to JFK. I asked her once how she managed to master diplomacy and espionage at a time when no one wanted to see a woman succeed at either. And she said, "Compromise where you can. Where you can't, don't. Even if everyone is telling you that something wrong is something right. Even if the whole world is telling you to move, it is your duty to plant yourself like a tree, look them in the eye, and say: *No, **you** move*. "

From the movie *Captain America: Civil War* (2016) screenplay by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely. The full quote is at https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3498820/quotes/

Anton Chekhov

Anton Pavlovich Chekhov (1860 − 1904) was a Russian playwright and short-story writer and considered among the greatest writers ... ever. He used few words, avoided complex plots, went below the surface of life, to lay bare the secret motives of his characters.

Knowledge into Practice

Knowledge is of no value
unless you put it into practice.

Widely attributed, but no specific attribution could be found in Chekhov's surviving writings. Also attributed to Heber J. Grant (1856 − 1945) an American who served in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS). Also without definitive attribution.

Joe Clark

Joe Louis Clark (1938 – 2020) had served as a drill instructor in the US Army and in the mid-1980s was the principal of Eastside High School in Paterson, New Jersey. His unconventional and controversial disciplinary measures inspired the movie where we heard the quote below.

Discipline >< Enemy of Enthusiasm

Discipline is not the enemy of enthusiasm

from the movie *Lean on Me* (1989). The movie may have taken dramatic liberties with the truth and the results but these words are accurate and meaningful. See page 199 of *The Shame of the Nation* by Jonathan Kozol (2005). Available at https://archive.org/details/shameofnation00jona Also see https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0097722/ Also see https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/brick-by-brick/202104/why-discipline-is-not-the-enemy-of-enthusiasm

Nick Cohen

(1961 – ??) a British author, political commentator, and journalist.

Compulsive Liars/Believers

Compulsive liars shouldn't frighten you.
They can harm no one if no one listens to them.

Compulsive believers, on the other hand:
they should terrify you.

Believers are the liars' enablers.

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/05/donald-trump-lies-belief-totalitarianism

Phil Coulson

Phillip J. Coulson is a fictional character in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, as an agent of S.H.I.E.L.D. appearing in comics, multiple movies, and the *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* television series (2013-2020). Here he was addressing a small group of agents who needed motivation.

Part of something bigger

> … a man can accomplish anything when he realizes he's a part of something bigger. A team of people who share that conviction can change the world. So, what do you say? You ready to change the world?

Coulson was quoting Nick Fury, the reportedly dead director of S.H.I.E.L.D. From *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*, Season 1, Episode 22, titled *Beginning of the End*, first aired May 13, 2014, written by show creators Maurissa Tancharoen and Jed Whedon. See also Margaret Mead and *a small group* on page 804.

Cornelius

A fictional character of book and screen Cornelius was a male chimpanzee and archaeological scientist. He was fiancée, later spouse, of Zira, mother of their son Milo. All three traveled back in time. The adults were murdered, but infant Milo survived. With the intellect of his parents he grew up and led apes to freedom from the human using a chosen name, Caesar.

The quote on the next page is from the movie *Planet of the Apes* (1968) based on the book by *La Planète des Singes* (1963) by Pierre Boulle available at https://archive.org/details/laplanetedessing0000boul.

Movie written Rod Serling and Michael Wilson.
The quote appears at https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0063442/quotes

Beware Beast Man

Beware the beast Man, for he is the Devil's pawn.

Alone among God's primates he kills for sport or lust or greed. Yea, he will murder his brother to posses his brother's land. Let him not breed in great numbers, for he will make a desert of his home and yours.

Shun him; drive him back into his jungle lair, for he is the harbinger of death.

Cornelius, reading from the *Sacred Scrolls*.

Lamont Cranston

Cranston is a fictional character, the public persona of *The Shadow*, a character whose purpose changed slightly from a narrator in the 1930s radio show, to pulp magazines, to crime fighter in his own 1937 radio show, and more. The 1937 radio show opened with "*Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows!*" then a laugh. The ending line below is a simple lesson.

Weed of Crime

The weed of crime bears bitter fruit.

You can hear the lines in episodes from 1947 to 1954 at https://archive.org/details/the-shadow-radio-show-1937-1954-old-time-radio-all-available-episodes (more)

History of the character
https://www.britannica.com/topic/The-Shadow-American-radio-program

See also
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Shadow

Did *The Shadow* (1937 version) influence the creation of Jedi Knights of *Star Wars* (first movie in 1977)? Both have telekinesis and the ability to cloud minds.

The 1994 movie *The Shadow* has this exchange: Lamont Cranston (the Shadow) is the nephew of Police Commissioner Barth. (more)

Barth: I'm sick of this Shadow business. His meddling in police affairs. This time tomorrow, I'll put a task force on him.

Cranston (using mind control on Barth) You're not going to appoint a task force.
Barth: No. The hell with it. I'm not going to appoint a task force.

Cranston: You're not going to pay any attention to these reports of the Shadow.
Barth: Ignore them entirely.

Cranston: There is no Shadow.
Barth: No, there is no Shadow. If there were, I'd be Eleanor Roosevelt.

The Barth exchange can be found at www.imdb.com/title/tt0111143/quotes

This power was reiterated in the first *Star Wars* movie "*These aren't the 'droids you're looking for.*" See it at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihyjXd2C-E8

Walter Cronkite

Walter Leland Cronkite Jr. (1916 − 2009) was an American broadcast journalist and served 19 years as anchor of the CBS Evening News. He was "the most trusted man in America". I thought of him as "Uncle Walt". During the toughest 40 seconds he had on a live broadcast no one thought he was lying. See it now: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ti3Mpv4fwt4

Cost of Libraries<Cost of Ignorant Nation

> Whatever the cost of our libraries, the price is cheap compared to that of an ignorant nation.

Quote of Walter Cronkite per the American Library Association's "Libraries Change Lives" campaign in 1995 and mentioned at https://news.virginia.edu/content/2-million-gift-benefit-library-during-renovation see also www.librarianshipstudies.com/2019/05/whatever-cost-of-our-libraries-price-is.html

Michael Crichton

John Michael Crichton (1942 − 2008) was an American writer of over 30 books which were the source for over a dozen movies.

https://www.thoughtco.com/michael-crichton-books-362097

https://www.thoughtco.com/michael-crichton-movies-362098

Nobody Thinks

> In the information society, nobody thinks. We expect to banish paper, but we actually banish thought.

From his movie *Jurassic Park* (1993).

Too Much Certainty

I am certain there is too much certainty in the world.

From the movie *State of Fear* (2004).

Human Thinking, Not

Human beings never think for themselves; they find it too uncomfortable. For the most part, members of our species simply repeat what they are told - and become upset if they are exposed to any different view.

From the movie *The Lost World* (1995).

Carlo Cipolla

Carlo M. Cipolla (1922 − 2000) was an Italian economic historian, a member of the *American Academy of Arts and Sciences,* as well as the *American Philosophical Society.*

The Basic Laws of Human Stupidity (1976) was his second major essay. Internet Archive 's *Wayback Machine* has the whole essay.

https://web.archive.org/web/20130216132858/http://www.cantrip.org/stupidity.html

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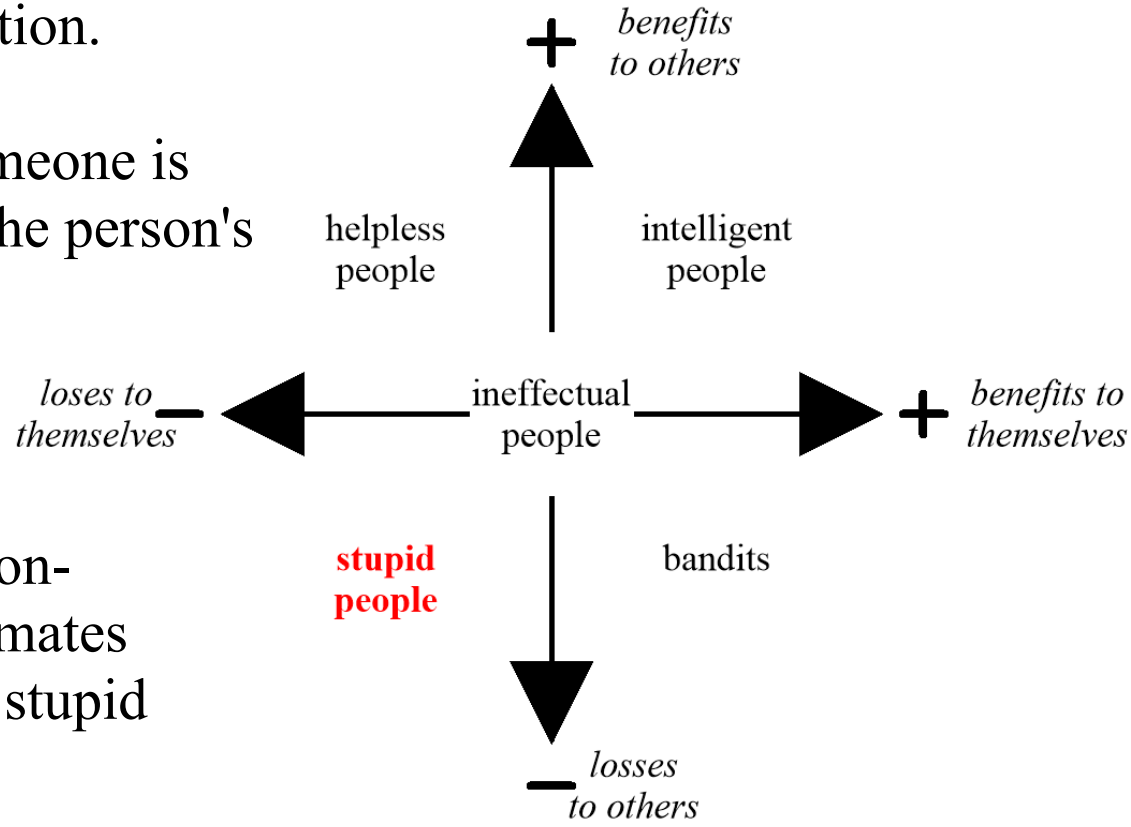
Laws of Stupidity

Everyone underestimates the number of stupid people in circulation.

The probability that someone is stupid is UNrelated to the person's other traits.

A stupid person inflicts loss on others with no gain to themselves. A non-stupid person underestimates the damaging power of stupid people.



Of all the people on the planet
stupid people are the most dangerous.

Arthur C. Clarke

Sir Arthur Charles Clarke, CBE, FRAS (1917 – 2008) was an English science fiction (and non-fiction) writer, futurist, inventor, undersea explorer, and hosted a television series. He co-wrote the screenplay for the 1968 film *2001: A Space Odyssey*. His *The Nine Billion Names of God* (1953) is a classic and a warning of what even the beneficial use of technology can bring.

Clarke is one of "Big Three" science fiction authors of the 20th Century. The others are Heinlein on page 700 and Asimov on page 559. For more see

https://www.britannica.com/biography/Arthur-C-Clarke

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Three Laws / Clarke

When a distinguished but elderly scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states that something is impossible, he is very probably wrong.

The only way of discovering the limits of the possible is to venture a little way past them into the impossible.

Any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic.

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The laws were developed over time and all appear in his essay *Hazards of Prophecy: The Failure of Imagination*, first published in *Profiles of the Future An Inquiry Into The Limits Of The Possible* (©1958 and more to ©1962).

Available at https://archive.org/details/profilesoffuture0000clar starting on page numbered 12.

Carl von Clausewitz

Carl Philipp Gottfried von Clausewitz (1780 − 1831) was a Prussian general and theorist who studied and published on the many aspects of waging war.

War – Policy/Politics

War is a mere continuation of policy by other means.

updated version

War (or special military operations) is a
mere continuation of policy (politics) by other means.

This is from his book *On War* (1832) written mostly after the Napoleonic wars and published by his wife Marie von Brühl after his death. On line at https://clausewitz.com/readings/OnWar1873/TOC.htm

MOOSEMUSS

Many have described the principles of war. Clausewitz made these nine and the United States military created an acronym that has stuck with me for almost half a century now.

Mass
Objective
Offensive
Security
Economy of Force
Maneuver
Unity of Command
Surprise
Simplicity

For details on each principle see his essay *Principles of War* (1812) on line at https://www.clausewitz.com/item/Clausewitz-PrinciplesOfWar-ClausewitzCom.pdf

Stephen Crane

Stephen Crane (1871 − 1900) wrote many books during his short life. He is generally recognized as one of the best writers of his generation.

Courage - temporary

> There was the delirium that encounters despair and death, and is heedless and blind to the odds. It is a temporary but sublime absence of selfishness.

From Chapter 19 of the *Red Badge of Courage.* It first appeared shortened and serialized in newspapers during 1894. It was published in full in 1895. A longer version, based on Crane's original manuscript, was published in 1982. This version at https://www.gutenberg.org/files/73/73-h/73-h.htm says 1993.

Shorter: Courage is the temporary but sublime absence of selfishness.

Paul F. Crickmore

Paul F. Crickmore (1953 – ?) is a renowned aviator, test pilot, photographer, author, and popular speaker. He has flown the fastest aircraft, the Blackbird Series including the YF-12A, A-12, and SR-71. Smaller? F-117 Stealth, F-15 Eagle, RAF Lightning, F4, and F-16. Bigger? KC-135 tankers and C-130 transports. Helicopters? Blackhawks, Chinooks, HH-53 Jolly Green, Gazelle (SA-34x), Lynx, and Wasp.

Truly Lost

You've never been lost
until you've been lost at Mach 3.

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Widely attributed to Crickmore and may be in one of his many books, but I couldn't find it.

Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird (2015) 64 pages available at
https://archive.org/details/lockheed-sr-71-blackbird

60 images of the SR-71 Blackbird
https://archive.org/details/lockheed-sr-71-a-blackbird-60

*Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird: 1964 onward*s (2012)
Co-author with Steve Davies, 160 pages

Also see the *LA Speed Story by SR 71 Pilot Major Brian Shu*l
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQfwgz7PFPQ

Data

Data is an android, a fictional character, introduced in *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (ST:TNG), part of the *Star Trek Universe*. Data said this while serving as second officer, *USS Enterprise*.

Perfect? Delusional

Believing oneself to be perfect
is the sign of a delusional mind.

Data to the Borg Queen in the movie *Star Trek: First Contact* (1996). Story by Rick Berman, Brannon Braga, and Ronald D. Moore. Screenplay by Brannon Braga and Ronald D. Moore.

Eugene Debs

Eugene Victor Debs (1855 − 1926) was an American political activist, trade unionist, and a founding member of the Industrial Workers of the World. Agree with his politics or not he had some excellent points of view.

Mainsprings of Civilization

Intelligent discontent is the mainspring of civilization.
Progress is born of agitation.
It is agitation or stagnation.

From his speech *The Issue* (1908) in Girard, Kansas on May 23, 1908. The speech starts on page numbered 473 at https://archive.org/details/debshislifewriti00debs The quote appears on page numbered 484. The first line quoted is the last line of the second full paragraph. The other lines are at the start of the third full paragraph.

Jean de La Fontaine

(1621 − 1695) was a French teller of tales and a writer of poems.

Death no surprise to wise

Death never takes the wise man by surprise,
he is always ready to go.

Widely attributed to de La Fontaine, but no specific as to where or when was found.

Bernardo de la Paz

Professor Bernardo de la Paz is a fictional character in *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* (1966) by Heinlein (page 700). The book describes life for residents of Earth's moon and their revolution with the help of a sentient artificial intelligence.

Different Two House Congress

The quote (on the next page) can be found in chapter 22 of the book, available as 216 pages of text
https://archive.org/details/TheMoonIsAHarshMistress_201701

Professor de la Paz: I note one proposal to make this Congress a two-house body. Excellent — the more impediments to legislation the better.

But, instead of following tradition, I suggest one house of legislators, another whose single duty is to repeal laws.

Let the legislators pass laws only with a two-thirds majority... while the repealers are able to cancel any law through a mere one-third minority. Preposterous? Think about it.

If a bill is so poor that it cannot command two-thirds of your consents, is it not likely that it would make a poor law?

And if a law is disliked by as many as one-third is it not likely that you would be better off without it? [bolding mine]

Reverend Will Dexter

Reverend Dexter is a fictional character in the *Babylon 5 Universe*. He had arrived on the station, a place of commerce and diplomacy, located in deep space, the Euphrates Sector, Grid Epsilon, Epsilon Eridani system, at the stable LaGrange Point 5, about the planet Epsilon III. He was delivering clandestine information from Earth accompanied by several other clerics from different belief systems. While there he gave an old-fashioned prayer / gospel meeting where he delivered a sermon.

The quote (on the next page) is from *Babylon 5*, Season 3, Episode 20, titled *And the Rock Cried Out, No Hiding Place*, written by series creator J. Michael Straczynski, and first aired October 14, 1996. Fictional *Babylon 5* may be, but Straczynski, like Roddenberry before him, embodied social commentary in science fiction to make, and reinforce, important lessons from our past that often re-surface in our present. (See Santayana on page 884) Reverend Dexter's sermon was delivered in a grand style by actor Mel Winkler. (more)

Enemy is

Every day, here and at home, we are warned about the enemy. But who is the enemy? Is it the alien? Well, we are all alien to one another. Is it the one who believes differently than we do?

No, oh no, my friends. The enemy is fear. The enemy is ignorance. The enemy is the one who tells you that you must hate that which is different. Because, in the end, that hate will turn on you. And that same hate will destroy you.

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Princess Diana / Amazon

Princess Diana of Themyscira is a demi-god. Her mother, Amazon Queen Hippolyta, formed her from clay and the breath of Aphrodite gave her life. DC Comics changed that to Diana as the biological daughter of Zeus and Hippolyta.

The fictional character *Wonder Woman* first appeared in *All Star Comics* in 1941. Created by American writer and psychologist William Moulton Marston who overcame serious opposition in bringing his vision to print. See the book *The Secret History of Wonder Woman* by Jill Lepore (2014) and the movie *Professor Marston & the Wonder Women* (2017) for the source of his inspiration for Princess Diana.

Amazons have a saying

We have a saying, my people.
Don't kill if you can wound,
don't wound if you can subdue,
don't subdue if you can pacify,
and
don't raise your hand at all
    unless you have first extended it.

From *Wonder Woman*, Volume 3, Issue 25.

Anthony DiNozzo

"Tony" DiNozzo is fictional character in the television show *NCIS* created by Donald P. Bellisario and Don McGill. It premiered in 2003 and is still running more than twenty years later.

Always do – Always Got

> If you always do what you've always done,
> then you'll always get what you always got.

DiNozzo said that in *NCIS,* Season 4, Episode 9, titled *Twister Sister*, first aired November 21, 2006, and written by Steven D. Binder. Yet someone else said it, almost verbatim, about 25 years earlier.

In *The Milwaukee Sentinel* on October 24, 1981 appeared an article *Search For Quality Called Key To Life* by Tom Ahern. In it he quoted

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Jessie Potter, a speaker at the 7th annual *Woman to Woman Conference* in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Potter was an educator and counselor on family relationships and human sexuality who said:

> If you always do what you've always done,
> you always get what you've always gotten.

The quote appears on Page 5 in Column 5 in the *Sentinel* edition cited above. Available by methods described at
https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/local/milwaukee/2017/12/20/milwaukee-journal-sentinel-newspaper-archives-back-web/970727001/

For another similar see https://quoteinvestigator.com/2016/04/25/get/

If we forget that quote, remember idiots (page 95) almost two millennia before Ms. Potter. See also *Insanity* attributed to Einstein on page 384.

Roger Donlon

Roger Hugh Donlon (1934-2024) was a career military officer starting in the US Air Force and retiring as a colonel in the US Army. On December 5, 1964 he received the Medal of Honor for actions while a captain serving as the commanding officer of Detachment A-726 making him the first member of the Army's Special Forces to be so honored. His citation is available at https://mohmuseum.org/medal_of_honor/roger-donlon/

The quote (see next page) came during an interview for Knights of Columbus on 11/1/2022 retrieved 2/12/2024 https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/2022/november/service-above-and-beyond.html

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Life Course

In life, it’s almost impossible to stay on course all the time. So when you’re weakened, or you’re distracted, you have to find the strength or be the strength for somebody else, to get back on course.

Fyodor Dostoevsky

Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoevsky (sometimes Dostoyevsky) (1821-1881), was a prolific Russian writer, many of whose works are considered of special importance.

Tolerance

> Tolerance will reach such a level that intelligent people will be banned from thinking so as not to offend the imbeciles.

The attribution of Dostoevsky is disputed. No definitive record of any author could be found. Galileo exited a court where he had avoided death by recanting his (then heretical) theory that the Earth revolves around the Sun and said “It still moves”. *Someone wrote that tolerance quote! Who?*

Frederick Douglass

Born Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey (1817 or 1818 to 1895) he was an American abolitionist, writer, speaker and statesman.

True to myself

> I prefer to be true to myself, even at the hazard of incurring the ridicule of others, rather than to be false, and to incur my own abhorrence.

See Chapter 5 in *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* (1845), a memoir and discourse on slavery and abolition. The 76 pages can be found at https://archive.org/details/narrativeoflifeo0000doug_m8u3

See also Finch from *To Kill a Mockingbird* on page 665.

Peter Drucker

Peter Ferdinand Drucker (1909 − 2005) was an Austrian-American who provided a clearer perspective on the practical and

philosophical aspects of 20th century management.

Management vs Leadership

> Management is doing things right;
> Leadership is doing the right things.

From the *Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* (1989), Drucker was cited by author Stephen R. Covey on page 101.

Aldus Dumbledore

A fictional character in the *Harry Potter Universe,* Professor Aldus Percival Wulfric Brian Dumbledore said this while the headmaster of the Hogwarts school for wizards.

Bravery Facing Enemies and Friends

> It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to our enemies, but just as much to stand up to our friends.

From *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (1997) by J. K. Rowling.

Dunning-Kruger

Sometimes even the most studied actions of life-forms remain outside the realm of understanding. Yet they can be described. This simple chart reflects the relationship between self-confidence and actual-knowledge.

In 1999 two psychologists, David Dunning and Justin Kruger, described this cognitive bias as the tendency of people with low ability in a specific area to give overly positive self-assessments of this ability.

Mount Stupid

That is the pinnacle of high confidence despite low knowledge. See chart on the next page. Too many people seem to live there.

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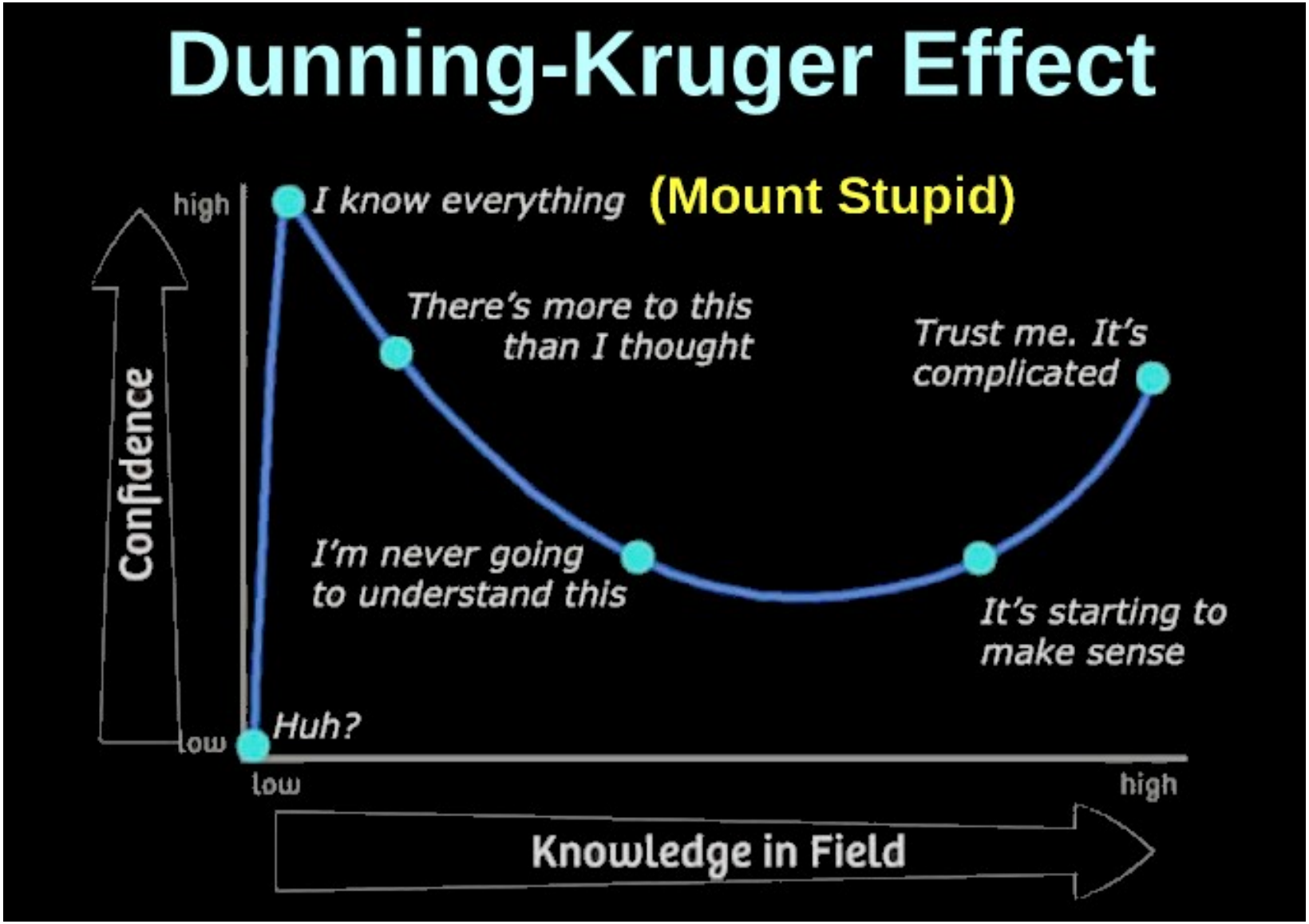
Dunning-Kruger Effect
high
I know everything
(Mount Stupid)
There's more to this than I thought
Trust me. It's complicated
Confidence
I'm never going to understand this
It's starting to make sense
low
Huh?
low
high
Knowledge in Field

Carl Elias

Elias is a fictional character in the television series *Person of Interest* (2011 − 2016) created by Jonathan Nolan. Elias is notionally an evil character but shows complex qualities decidedly not evil.

Principle of Civilization

> Civilization rests on the principle that we treat our criminals better than they treated their victims, that we not stoop to their level.

From Season 3, Episode 10, titled *The Devil's Share*, first aired November 26, 2013, written by Amanda Segel and series creator Jonathan Nolan. See www.imdb.com/title/tt3331452 Nolan has also created other works including an excellent mind twister *Memento* (2000) written with his brother, the writer / director Christopher Nolan.

Enoch

Enoch is a fictional character in the series *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* part of the *Marvel Cinematic Universe.* He is a sentient Chronocom, a long duration android serving as an anthropologist observing species, including humanity, for millennia. Just before the long quote on the next page he had essentially ripped out his own heart to repair a malfunctioning space-time drive. He is dying in the company of humans he has come to consider friends.

From *Season* 7, *Episode* 9, titled *As I Have Always Been*, first aired July 22, 2020, and written by Drew Z. Greenberg. As of October 2020, this is the highest rated episode over seven seasons. The April 14, 2024 rating was 9.5 of 10. The series is sometimes referred to as *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* The quote appears at https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9307262/quotes . See also *Everyone Dies Alone, But* on page 781.

Death and Dying

Enoch: I have seen it [death] countless times on countless worlds. People arrive, so we celebrate, and people leave, so we grieve. We do what we can with the time in between, but the cycle is always there. No one escapes it. Not even me.

Daisy 'Skye' Johnson: Does it hurt?

Enoch: It does. A bit. But it's not the physical pain that troubles me. I am acutely aware that in my thousands of years observing humans, I never used to feel lonely.

I have been alone many times. To be candid, I preferred it. But it wasn't until I met this particular team of S.H.I.E.L.D. agents that being alone meant *feeling* lonely. And I don't care for it. So I am feeling, as you might expect, some anxiety now. (more)

Phil Coulson: You don't have to. You're not alone. Daisy and I will stay with you right up to the end.

Enoch: That is very kind of you. But it's that last part, isn't it? You can stay with me up *to* the end, but you can't come with me *at* the end. I will have to leave you. And I will have to do that alone. And I can't help wondering when that happens, will I feel lonely?

Phil Coulson: I can say with some authority that you're not wrong. Dying *is* lonely. But the feeling is temporary. At least for the person dying. The ones who are left behind, less so. I guess that's the one advantage for going first.

Enoch: Yes. It's different, watching your friends go before you, isn't it? I have been through that, as well.

It can be harder to stay than to leave.

Marilyn Ferguson

Marilyn Ferguson (1938 − 2008) was an American author, editor and public speaker. She wrote *The Aquarian Conspiracy* (1980). She was a founding member of the Association of Humanistic Psychology. She also published and edited the science newsletter *Brain/Mind Bulletin* from 1975 to 1996.

On the other side of fear

Ultimately we know deeply that
the other side of every fear is a freedom.

Widely attributed to her, but no specific as to where or when was found.

Lawrence Ferlinghetti

Lawrence Monsanto Ferlinghetti (1919 − 2021) was an American poet, painter, and social activist.

Pity the nation

Pity the nation whose people are sheep,
and whose shepherds mislead them.

Pity the nation whose leaders are liars, whose sages are silenced,
and whose bigots haunt the airwaves.

Pity the nation that raises not its voice,
except to praise conquerors and acclaim the bully as hero
and aims to rule the world with force and by torture.

Pity the nation that knows no other language but its own
and no other culture but its own.

Pity the nation whose breath is money
and sleeps the sleep of the too well fed.

Pity the nation — oh, pity the people who allow their rights to erode
and their freedoms to be washed away.

My country, tears of thee, sweet land of liberty.

Ferlenghetti published it and is often improperly cited as the author. The poem was written, but not published, by Khalil Gibran (1883 − 1931), a Lebanese-American writer and poet. Gibran rejected the title “philosopher”. Ferlenghetti's publication attributes Gibran.
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8298127/

J. Hector Fezandie

Little has survived of the actions and words of Joseph Hector Fezandie (1856-1943), but he is sometimes referred to as the originator of a phrase he used in a speech. There is an older citation.

See *Forgotten by too many* on page 1036.

Atticus Finch

Finch is a fictional character in *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1960) by Harper Lee. From that book comes this exchange:

You must be wrong

> “Atticus, you must be wrong....” “How's that?”
> “Well, most folks seem to think they're right and you're wrong....”
>
> “They're certainly entitled to think that, and they're entitled to full respect for their opinions,” said Atticus, “but before I can live with other folks I've got to live with myself. The one thing that doesn't abide by majority rule is a person's conscience.”

Also see Douglass on page 652.

Dr. Claire Finn

Dr. Finn is a fictional character serving as Chief Medical Officer on the *USS Orville,* a series created by Seth MacFarlane.

Hating up close

It is a lot harder to hate from up close.

Quote was heard from *The Orville,* Season 3, Episode 1, titled *Electric Sheep*, and written by Seth MacFarlane. The title is a nod to *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep* by Philip Kindred Dick which was later made into the movie *Blade Runner.*

Clichés exist because

Clichés become clichés precisely because they're valid enough to bear endless repetition.

From *The Orville*, Season 2, Episode 9, titled *Identity, Part II*, first aired February 28, 2019, and written by series creator Seth MacFarlane.

Acceptance vs Disappointment

> Wouldn't we all be happier if we just accepted people for what they are instead of being disappointed with them for what they're not?

From the series *The Orville*, Season 3, Episode 10 (the series finale), titled *Future Unknown*, written by series creator Seth MacFarlane, and first aired August 4, 2022.
https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11699684

Al Franken

Alan Stuart Franken (1951 − ?) is an American comedian who served as US senator from Minnesota. He resigned in early 2018 after allegations, never proven, of sexual misconduct.

Greatest Presidential Asset

The greatest asset a president can bring to a crisis is

credibility.

(more)

Well, it finally isn't funny anymore – the grandiosity, the ignorance, the cruelty, the bullying, the racism, the petty insults and incessant stupidity. But especially the non-stop lying.

The greatest asset that a president can bring to a crisis is credibility.

On the morning of January 21, 2017, after fewer than 24 hours in office, Trump sent out Sean Spicer to tell the press corps a laughable and easily disprovable lie – that Trump's crowd was the largest in history ever to attend a presidential inaugural. The very next day, Kellyanne Conway let Americans know of the existence of something called "alternative facts." Oh. So, that's how it's going to be, huh?

Since then, the lies have come so fast and furious that keeping track has been impossible. How do you remember the last one when three or four equally ridiculous lies are almost certain to follow that day?

"Don't take him literally," his supporters insisted. "Take him seriously." Really? more at https://alfranken.com/read/the-last-straw

Dr. Stephen Franklin

Dr. Franklin was a fictional character in the *Babylon 5 Universe*. He was Chief Medical Officer and later Head of Xenobiological Research. Captain John Sheridan (see page 906) was station commander during this exchange.

Alive - Negotiable

Franklin: And I can define myself by what
I am instead of what I'm not.

Sheridan: And what are you?

Franklin: **Alive. Everything else is negotiable.**

(bolding mine)(more)

The quote is from *Babylon 5*, Season 3, Episode 21, titled *Shadow Dancing*, and written by series creator J. Michael Straczynski.

Sadly actor Richard Biggs, who played Dr. Franklin for five seasons, died at 44 from complications of an aortic dissection.

Stephen Fry

Stephen John Fry (1957 − ?) is an English actor, comedian, director, narrator, writer, activist, gay, devout atheist, and humanist.

Think: Told What To or Free To?

For years mankind has been told what to think and what to believe by shamans, priests and ideologues. There is an alternative: free thought, trusting in our ability to find out, investigate, question, and test according to repeatable, reliable evidence.

(more)

Widely attributed to Fry, yet no specific citation was found. It is in keeping with similar stated opinions.

See A*theist Stephen Fry Delivers Incredible Answer When Asked What He Would Say If He Met God* subtitle: *Stephen Fry Delivers Stunning Rebuke When Asked About Meeting God* in

The Huffington Post UK Updated February 4, 2015.
https://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/2015/01/30/atheist-stephen-fry-delivers-stunning-answer-when-asked-what-he-would-say-if-he-came-face-to-face-with-god_n_6581710.html?1422648370

For 50 quotes on perspective in general see this from 2012.
https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/here-there-and-everywhere/201210/50-quotes-perspective

Progress By Dreamers

> Progress is not achieved by preachers and guardians of morality, but by madmen, hermits, heretics, dreamers, rebels, and skeptics.

This is Fry's paraphrased version from the essay *I Am Afraid* where dissident Yevgeny Zamyatin denounced censorship near the earliest days of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR).

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I Am Afraid (1921) starts on page 53 in this collection of essays: https://archive.org/stream/ZamyatinYevgenySovietHereticEssaysByYevgenyZamyatin The quote appears on page numbered 57, eighth line from the bottom.

See also *Against Political Correctness – by Stephen Fry* from October 19, 2018 https://scrapsfromtheloft.com/society/against-political-correctness-stephen-fry/

Mahatma Ghandi

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi (1869 − 1948) was an Indian lawyer who guided the movement for an independent India. The honorific *Mahatma* is for a person venerated for their spirituality and high-mindedness.

7 Deadly Sins

Wealth Without Work
Pleasure Without Conscience
Knowledge Without Character
Commerce [Business] Without Morality [Ethics]
Science Without Humanity
Religion Without Sacrifice
Politics Without Principle

Gandhi published the *Seven Social Sins* in 1925. They are often deadly, not necessarily to those who commit the sin, but to others.

Everyone's Needs

The Earth provides enough to satisfy
every man's needs, but not every man's greed.

Quoted by Pyarelal Nayyar in *Mahatma Gandhi: The Last Phase (Volume 10)* page 552. Ghandi may have been influenced by François de La Rochefoucauld (1613-1680). He was the 2nd Duke of La Rochefoucauld and author of extraordinarily dense literary works.

We have all sufficient strength
to support the misfortunes of others.

Number 19 from *Sentences and Moral Maxims* available at
https://www.gutenberg.org/files/9105/9105-h/9105-h.htm
There is an excellent index near the bottom.

Violence is Acceptable

> I do believe that, where there is only a choice between cowardice and violence, I would advise violence ... I would rather have India resort to arms in order to defend her honour than that she should, in a cowardly manner, become or remain a helpless witness to her own dishonor.

From the section *Between Cowardice and Violence* at https://www.mkgandhi.org/nonviolence/phil8.htm that non-violence is preferable, but cowardliness is worse than violence.

Poverty violence

Poverty is the worst form of violence.

Quoted and attributed without reference in *A Just Peace through Transformation: Cultural, Economic, and Political Foundations for Change* (1988) by the International Peace Association.

Ignore, laugh, fight, win

First they ignore you, then they laugh at you,
then they fight you, then you win.

There is no record of Gandhi describing the stages of a winning strategy of nonviolent activism but it sounds like his other expressions during the effort for India's independence achieved in 1947. Ghandi may have been inspired by a 1918 speech by Nicholas Klein: “And, my friends, in this story you have a history of this entire movement. First they ignore you. Then they ridicule you. And then they attack you and want to burn you. And then they build monuments to you. And that, is what is going to happen to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.”

From the *Proceedings of the Third Biennial Convention of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America* (1918), page 53.

G'Kar

A fictional character in the *Babylon 5 Universe*, G'Kar (Juh-car) was introduced as an ambassador from the Narn Regime. Over the story arc he would be a warrior, poet, author, and religious leader.

Babylon 5 was created by Joe Straczynski and he wrote many of the episodes.

Death of hope

> The war we fight is not against powers and principalities, it is against chaos and despair. Greater than the death of flesh is the death of hope, the death of dreams. Against this peril we can never surrender.
>
> The future is all around us, waiting in moments of transition, to be born in moments of revelation. No one knows the shape of that future or where it will take us. We know only that it is always born ... in pain.

The first paragraph is quoted from the *Book of G'Quon.* The second were words from G'Kar. Season 3, Episode 22, titled *Za'ha'dum* [Zha-ha-doom], written by Joe Straczynski. For some of the other monologues see http://www.chronology.org/noframes/b-five/monologues.html

Andre Glucksmann

Andre Glucksmann (1937 − 2015) was a French philosopher, activist and writer. He was an outspoken critic of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and post-USSR foreign policy.

Totalitarians hate …

> Totalitarian thought cannot bear to be disputed.

From his article *Politics and War in the Thought of Mao Tse-tung* in the May/June 1968 issue of the *New Left Review*. The article is on line at https://newleftreview.org/issues/i49/articles/andre-glucksmann-politics-and-war-in-the-thought-of-mao-tse-tung

Mike Godwin

Michael Wayne Godwin (1956 − ?) is an American attorney, author, and creator, during some of the first years of the widespread internet age. He was the first staff counsel of the Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF), was involved in multiple legal battles for the internet, and defined the concept of a meme.

Godwin's Law

> As an online discussion grows longer, the probability of a comparison involving Nazis or Hitler approaches 1 [100% or certainty] .

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The full title is *Godwin's law (or rule) of Nazi analogies*. It was published in *Wired Magazine* in the issue of October 1st, 1994 https://www.wired.com/1994/10/godwin-if-2/

Godwin believes the widespread and voluminous quantity of comparisons to Nazi's trivializes the Holocaust. See http://www.ushmm.org/confront-antisemitism/antisemitism-podcast/mike-godwin

archived at https://web.archive.org/web/20140520044036/http://www.ushmm.org/confront-antisemitism/antisemitism-podcast/mike-godwin.

See also https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/10618638

(more)

Having said that back in 2010 and 2011, Godwin believes that comparisons to some on the "the alt-right, especially the participants in the 2017 Charlottesville *Unite the Right* rally," deserve comparisons to the Nazis.

From 2015 to 2023 he has also stated in the press that informed comparison of [then] U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump to Hitler could be valid." Six separate citations can be found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mike_Godwin.

FYI: The *Streisand Effect* is when an attempt is made to remove a piece of information from the internet it gets more publicity. When Barbra Streisand tried to get an image of her home removed in 2003 millions of people then viewed the image.

Hermann Göring

Anglicized as Hermann Goering (1893 – 1946), he was one of the primary architects of the Third Reich and the Nazi police state (1933 – 1945). In 1933 Göring was named by Hitler as minister without portfolio. Among his early actions was to oversee the creation of the Geheime Staatspolizei (Gestapo), the secret police who were responsible to no voter and shot people in the street for not greeting them properly. The bodies lay as warning to others.

Why Education?

Education is dangerous -
every educated person is a future enemy.

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Why should a nation desire a well educated populace? To learn how to recognize those such as Goering as they attempt ascension to power. Deny them that power earlier as opposed to the great cost of removing them from power later.

The quote widely attributed in many places, none with a citation to where or when.
Ex: https://hsccoworks.com.au/2017/07/20/historian-quotes-20th-century-germany-2/

Also attributed, and also without citation, to Martin Bormann, https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Martin_Bormann

Paul Graham

Graham (1965 − ?) is a British born computer scientist, entrepreneur, and author. He made major contributions to the Lisp general programming language, the second oldest after FORTRAN.

In 2008 the writer-reader relationship was growing more interactive. Disagreement surged and quality of commentary was widely variable.

So what did a quality disagreement look like? Was there a way to see a poor response and avoid returning the same in a volley of give-and-take?

He discerned seven distinct levels arranged into a pyramid.

Pyramid of Effective Disagreement

Most Effective
Refuting the Central Point
explicitly refutes the central point
Refutation
finds the mistake and explains why it's mistaken using quotes
Counterargument
contradicts and then backs it up with reasoning and/or supporting evidence
Contradiction
states the opposing case with little or no supporting evidence
Responding to Tone
criticizes the tone of the writing without addressing the substance of the argument
Ad Hominem
attacks the characteristics or authority of the writer without addressing the substance of the argument
Name-calling
sounds something like, "You are an idiot."
Least Effective

(more)

If you get a response at the top three levels your argument is receiving quality response.

Responses from the bottom three indicate either you have overwhelmed the counter-argument or the arguer likes to sling mud. The least effective counter-argument are insults.

Graham's 2008 original essay is still on line at
http://www.paulgraham.com/disagree.html

(more)

For more see *Graham's Hierarchy of Disagreement: How to Argue Like an Expert* by Chris Meyer in *Critical Thinking* https://themindcollection.com/revisiting-grahams-hierarchy-of-disagreement/

See also *Commandments of Logic* on page 1023.

Also please consider reviewing Abraham Maslow's work on page 450 and his 13-page paper *A Theory Of Human Motivation* published in 1943.

https://archive.org/details/MaslowA.H.1943.ATheoryOfHumanMotivation.PsychologicalReview504370-396 or the simpler explanation at https://www.simplypsychology.org/maslow.html

Jake Grafton

He was a fictional US Navy lieutenant during the Vietnam conflict who piloted an A6 *Intruder,* a 2-person low level bomber without air-to-air armaments.

Dying For Something or Nothing

> I realize that I'm Lieutenant Nobody. … [but] I do know the difference between dying for something and dying for nothing.

(more)

Lieutenant Grafton's bombardier/navigator was killed by ground fire soon after bombing a "suspected truck park" that appears to not have been there.

Later, with a new partner, they went on an unauthorized one-aircraft mission to bomb a major repository of surface to air missiles (SAMs). Each SAM was a future threat to aircraft and the pair considered the mission to be very high risk, but "righteous".

What happened is worth reading or seeing. Based on the 1986 book by Stephen Coonts, the film *Flight of the Intruder* (1991) was written by the author, Robert Dillon, and David Shaber. The quote appears at https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0099587/quotes

Grig

This fictional character was a navigator in the Star League in the movie *Last Starfighter* (1984) written by Jonathan R. Betuel.

Death, a primitive concept

Death is such a primitive concept.
I prefer to think of them
battling evil in another dimension!

Georg Hegel

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770 – 1831) was a German philosopher and part of the foundation of Western philosophy.

History Teaches Us

History teaches us that
man learns nothing from history.

The full version is "What experience and history teaches us is that people and governments have never learned anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it." and appears in his *Lectures on the Philosophy of History* (1832). See the *Introduction* on page numbered 6 (page 16 of the Archive presented text) about 11 lines up from the bottom. See https://archive.org/details/lecturesonphilos00hegerich 556 pages. The quote is sometimes mis-attributed to Shaw (see page 897).

Hanlon's Razor

Malice or incompetence

> No need to assume malice
> when incompetence is an alternative explanation.

Robert J. Hanlon submitted the statement to *Murphy's Law Book Two: More Reasons Why Things Go Wrong* (1980) by Arthur Bloch.

Hanlon wasn't the first to make the observation. *Logic of Empire* by Robert Heinlein in *Astounding Science Fiction* (1941) has “You have attributed conditions to villainy that simply result from stupidity.” Even earlier, Scottish philosopher David Hume observed people were too eager to improperly ascribe both malice and goodwill to natural objects and phenomena in *The Natural History of Religion* (1757).

Paul Harvey

Paul Harvey Aurandt (1918 − 2009) is perhaps best remembered for his *The Rest of the Story* radio segments which aired over more than 1,000 radio stations and six days a week until his death in 2009. There were many stories including "The Dogface Who Bit General Eisenhower".

Both versions of *If I were the Devil* were removed from here because they were the totality of the presentations. "Fair use" precludes complete use of copyrighted material still under copyright protection.

Attributions: **1964 version:** *If I Were the Devil I Would Pray, Our Father Who Art in Washington* was printed in the *Gadsden Times* October 13, 1964 on page 5. It appeared in many other papers via syndication about the same date. The audio of his radio program is on line at https://archive.org/details/if-i-were-the-devil-paul-harvey-1965

1996 version *If I Were the Devil* in *Reading Eagle* July 1, 1996.

Robert A. Heinlein

Robert Anson Heinlein (1907 − 1988), Asimov (see page 559), and Clarke (see page 630), were the "Big Three" science fiction authors of the 20th Century.

See his character Mr. Long on page 771.

Keystone to Tyranny

Secrecy is the keystone to all tyranny. Not force, but secrecy and censorship. When any government or church for that matter, undertakes to say to its subjects, “This you may not read, this you must not know,” the end result is tyranny and oppression, no matter how holy the motives. Mighty little force is needed to control a man who has been hoodwinked in this fashion; contrariwise, no amount of force can control a free man, whose mind is free. No, not the rack nor the atomic bomb, not anything. You can't conquer a free man; the most you can do is kill him.

See citation for *If This Goes On* ... on page 702.

Creed Into Law

> It is a truism that almost any sect, cult, or religion will legislate its creed into law if it acquires the political power to do so, and will follow it by suppressing opposition, subverting all education to seize early the minds of the young, and by killing, locking up, or driving underground all heretics.

From his *If This Goes On* - first serialized in *Astounding Science-Fiction* (1940) and later published in several other anthologies including *The Past Through Tomorrow* (1967) where *If This...* starts on 418 at https://archive.org/details/isbn_9780739410516 .

Creed To Hurt

As an adjunct to *Creed Into Law* (see page 702)

> If you have to make laws to hurt a group of people just to prove your morals and faith, then you have no true morals or faith to prove.

George Takei was reported in one place as the creator, but no source or reference was found.

Juvenile Delinquent=Contradiction in Terms

> I told you that "juvenile delinquent" is a contradiction in terms. "Delinquent" means "failing in duty." But duty is an adult virtue—indeed a juvenile becomes an adult when, and only when, he acquires a knowledge of duty and embraces it as dearer than the self-love he was born with. There never was, there cannot be a "juvenile delinquent". But for every juvenile criminal there are always one or more adult delinquents—people of mature years who either do not know their duty, or who, knowing it, fail.

From his novel *Starship Troopers*, first published as a two-part serial in the *Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction* as *Starship Soldier* in 1959 and as a book later that same year.

Constructive & Now

> Doing something constructive at once is better than figuring out the best thing to do hours later.

ibid

Alternate versions include

> Something good now
> is usually better than
> the best thing later.

Lessons From History

> [T]he trouble with "lessons from history" is that we usually read them best after falling flat on our chins.

ibid

Common Phrase Alarms

> Joe, I've learned by bitter experience not to trust statements set off by *naturally*, *of course*, or *that goes without saying*.

From his story *Free Men*, written in 1946 and first printed as part of *The Worlds of Robert A. Heinlein* (1965) The story starts on page numbered 37. The quote is on page numbered 50 at https://archive.org/details/worldsofrobertah0000robe

Also beware of a citation where *everybody knows*.
When someone says ***To tell the truth*** think *Were they lying before*?

TANSTAAFL

There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch.

The phrase existed in the 1930s or earlier and Heinlein created the acronym as the rallying theme for lunar residents in their movement to throw off their absentee, and abusive, rulers.

This is a reminder that nothing is truly “free”. In some manner what you get, you pay for. In the book *The Moon is a Harsh Mistress* he used the example of “free lunch” in a bar. If it were truly free you would not have to pay double the going rate for a beer. If you see *free,* it is market speak. Also see page 1013. The book is available as 216 pages of text at https://archive.org/details/TheMoonIsAHarshMistress_201701

Labels are Not Basic Criteria

Political tags - such as royalist, communist, democrat, populist, fascist, liberal, conservative, and so forth - are never basic criteria.

The human race divides politically into those who want people to be controlled and those who have no such desire.

https://www.brainyquote.com/authors/robert-a-heinlein-quotes

Joseph Heller

Joseph Heller (1923 − 1999) was an American author. His satire on war and bureaucracy, *Catch-22* (1961), is perhaps his best-known work. The title has become a synonym for an absurd or contradictory choice.

No Trick Required

> It was miraculous. It was almost no trick at all, he saw, to turn vice into virtue and slander into truth, impotence into abstinence, arrogance into humility, plunder into philanthropy, thievery into honor, blasphemy into wisdom, brutality into patriotism, and sadism into justice. Anybody could do it; it required no brains at all. It merely required no character.

From *Catch-22,* Chapter 34, near page 363.

Adrian Helmsley

Dr. Helmsley is a fictional deputy geologist in the United States Office of Science and Technology Policy. He has made a discovery, the bad kind. The film reveals elements of humanity under stress including the importance of empathy.

Losing our humanity

> The moment we stop fighting for each other, that's the moment we lose our humanity.

From the movie *2012*, written by Roland Emmerich and Harald Kloser, released in 2009.

Victor Henry

From *Winds of War* (1971) by Herman Wouk who also wrote *The Caine Mutiny* (1951), *Youngblood Hawke* (1962) and more.

A few days after Pearl Harbor, the fictional character Victor Henry, Captain, U. S. Navy, stands on a bluff watching the *USS Enterprise* head to sea with his older son aboard. He talks to God.

> [just because: That *USS Enterprise* was built in the 1930s. Affectionately called *The Big E*, she was the sixth aircraft carrier of the United States Navy and received 20 battle stars, more than any other warship during World War II. She was the seventh vessel with that name and not the last.]

Hitler must die

Oh Lord - in a world so rich and lovely why is it your children can find nothing better to do than to dig iron from the ground and work it into vast grotesque engines for blowing each other up? Is it because Abel's next door neighbor was Cain? Is it because if my enemies make deadly engines then I must do it better or die? Maybe the vicious circle will end this time. Maybe not. Maybe it will take Christ's second coming to end it. Maybe it will never end.

But it is 1941 and I know this. Until the life is beaten out of the monster Hitler the world can not move another inch toward a more sane existence. There is nothing to do now but win the war.

Hear Robert Mitchum say it
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUj0Q-MeDmc

Audrey Hepburn

Audrey Kathleen Hepburn (1929 – 1993) was a British actress with a long list of excellent performances. She was also Goodwill Ambassador for UNICEF, part of a long life in charitable works. She died of cancer at age 63, a good life cut short.

Nothing is Impossible

> Nothing is impossible;
> the word itself says ‘I’m possible’

Many sources credit her with the phrase but no original citation was found. That she said so was memorialized in 2016 at https://time.com/4316700/audrey-hepburn-inspiring-quotes/ She may not have been the creator.

Steve Hofstetter

Steven Ira Hofstetter (1979 – ?) is an American stand-up comedian, podcast host, and prodigious social media poster.

Agnorant Defined

> People who are extremely ignorant, yet are simultaneously extremely arrogant.
>
> Example: people who think they know more about science than scientists with decades of work in the field.

Facebook post 8/31/2020 & https://ifunny.co/picture/steve-hofstetter-stevehofstetter-new-term-agnorant-definition-people-who-are-AmoIohCG8

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Senior

Senior (1809 – 1894) was an American physician, poet, professor, lecturer, inventor, trained in law, and a prodigious author. Holmes Junior (1841 – 1935) served on the US Supreme Court (1902 − 1932) and is widely cited for his opinions on civil liberties, constitutional democracy, and deference to the decisions of elected legislatures.

Education A Key To Change

> The mind, once stretched by a new idea, never returns to its original dimensions.

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The *Atlantic Monthly* had a recurring article, *The Autocrat of the Breakfast-Table.* In the September 1858 issue, Senior wrote *Every Man His Own Boswell*. That issue is in Volume II. The quote appears on page 502 in column 1. That whole article starts on page 496. See https://books.google.com/books?id=3ejqQsIaeBEC&q=%22is+stretched%22#v=snippet&q=%22is%20stretched%22&f=false

Sometimes attributed to Einstein (1879 – 1955), but he hadn't been born yet. Also attributed to Emerson (1803 – 1882) but it does not appear in any of his surviving writings. See also https://quoteinvestigator.medium.com/quote-origin-every-now-and-then-a-mans-mind-is-stretched-by-a-new-idea-or-sensation-and-never-5e6d4b36be8c

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Junior

A Justice of the US Supreme Court from 1902 to 1932.

Taxes in a civilized society

Taxes are the price we pay
for a civilized society.

If all are not willing to pay for what we all receive we won't be able maintain what we have or continue to receive more of it. See *Compañía General de Tabacos de Filipinas v. Collector of Internal Revenue* 275 U.S. 87 (1927) https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/275/87/ and Justice Holmes' dissenting opinion. The quote above isn't exactly the same language, but closer to a distillation of the same sentiment. That sentiment had been previously expressed by others in the decades before. See https://quoteinvestigator.com/2012/04/13/taxes-civilize/

Sherlock Holmes

Holmes is a fictional consulting private detective appearing in many a book and movie along with Doctor Watson. They first appeared in *A Study in Scarlet* (1887) written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The 1933 movie version runs about 78 minutes and is available at https://archive.org/details/A_Study_In_Scarlet.

When you have eliminated
all which is impossible,

then whatever remains,
however improbable,
must be the truth.

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The quote is from the *The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes* (1927) available at https://archive.org/details/casebookofsherlo00sira 284 pages. [These days I'd change “must” to “may”.]

Sir Arthur's 56 short stories and four novels are considered the canon (Doyle's original work vs adaptations) of Sherlock Holmes. As of mid-2023 there were 52 movies per https://www.imdb.com/list/ls066973103

Holmes has been called “The World's Greatest Detective”. The movie *Murder by Death* (1976) involves five great detectives and several bodies in a spoof of a traditional country-house whodunit, and, what was dun? [Excellent cast!] The movie is available at https://archive.org/details/MurderByDeath about 92 minutes.

[My personal favorite Holmes presentation is the recent series of 15 updated to modern times and remaining faithful to the essence of canon. For the first of them see https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1475582]

Molly Ivins

Mary Tyler "Molly" Ivins (1944 − 2007) was an American newspaper columnist, author, political commentator, and humorist.

Solvers not Gripers

> Listen to people who are taking about how to fix what's wrong, not the ones who just work people into a snit over the problems. Listen to the people who have ideas on how to fix things, not the ones who just blame others.

From her book *You Got to Dance With Them What Brung You: Politics in the Clinton Years* (1998) all 354 pages available at https://archive.org/details/yougottodancewit00ivin

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She wrote many books including *Bill of Wrongs: The Executive Branch's Assault on America's Fundamental Rights* (2007)

and with Lou Dubose

Shrub: The Short But Happy Political Life of George W. Bush (2000)
https://archive.org/details/shrubshortbuthap0000ivin 206 pages

Bushwhacked: Life in George W. Bush's America (2003).
https://archive.org/details/bushwhackedlifei00ivin 376 pages

and with Vincent Bugliosi

The Betrayal of America: How the Supreme Court Undermined the Constitution and Chose Our President (2001).
https://archive.org/details/betrayalofameric00bugl 180 pages

Donna Jaffe

Donna Ellen Birman Jaffe (1936 − 1997) was known to me as “mommy” and then “chief”. Not sure if that latter was related to her mother's surprising (and perhaps imagined) revelation that Donna's great, great, grandmother married an American Indian. Donna was a science teacher in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS), an artist in lead and glass, restorer of Ludwig L. Wolff's Prairie School home (built 1902-ish), raiser of four kids, including me. The quote below was an educational tidbit for us.

Moderation In

Moderation in all things.
Including moderation.

The phrase has been attributed to Oscar Wilde and Ben Franklin, but no specific citation was found. I know she said it because I was there!

Mel Jaffe

He was born near Detroit, Michigan in 1933. Known to me as “dad”, he worked in temperature controlled rooms and raised floors. He installed a 64 byte magnetic core memory upgrade in an early IBM 360. He was an archer (fletched his own shafts) and gunsmith. He also imbued his children with education beyond their years. Pre-teen I learned to count in binary: 0, 1, 10, 11, 100 etc. Next: convert base-2 to base-10 and back again without scratch paper.

Human Error & High Speed

To err is humen.
To really screw up at high speed
requires a computer.

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That quote was created when he was tending his first IBM 360 computer, a mainframe to serve both the general business and scientific communities that IBM delivered between 1965 and 1978.

The phrase “To err is human, but a human error is nothing to what a computer can do if it tries.” is in *Hallowe'en Party* by Agatha Christie (1969). Which is available at https://archive.org/details/halloweenparty0000unse 248 pages.

In turn, Ms. Christie may have been influenced by “To err is Human, to Forgive, Divine” can be found in Alexander Pope's *An Essay On Criticism* (written in 1709, some say it was published in 1711) on page 30 in the original print.

Pope's essay is available as a 27 page PDF where the quote appears on page 13. (PDF has really small print)

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https://ia601605.us.archive.org/view_archive.php?archive=/33/items/GutenbergENzip/09.zip&file=Essay%20on%20Criticism%2C%20An%20-%20Alexander%20Pope%2C%202005%20%2827p%29.pdf

So what did my father do that made his quote unique? He had it embroidered as 11” x 17” and landscape. It was framed, displayed near the computer, and he deliberately misspelled “human”. Did you catch it? Many do not.

About that base 2 ordeal: I've learned that I learn better from a specific case and other specific cases which form a foundation for a general case. What we see and use as “number” are more akin to a representation of how many “units” depending on their position.

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For example “101” in base 2: From RIGHT to LEFT

1 of 2^0 (two to the zero power is one) so this equals 1,
0 of 2^1 (two to the first power is two) so this equals 0, and
1 of 2^2 (two to the second power is 4) so this equals 4

so 1+0+4 = 5, so 101 base 2 = 5 base 10. Once I got the structure well understood I could do octal (base 8), hexadecimal (base 16), and more.

Don't take my word for it. Listen to Tom Lehrer in “new math” at
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9mc7eb1i9o4

then read the lyrics because he sings so fast!
https://genius.com/Tom-lehrer-new-math-lyrics

Ken Jennings

Kenneth Wayne Jennings III (1974 − ?) is the highest-earning American game show contestant having appeared on five different game shows. On Jeopardy alone he won $4.5 million dollars and now hosts the show.

Trivia & Education

Trivia is the bait on the hook of education.

No specific citation was found but the statement is consistent with his writings in 6+ dozen books. See https://ken-jennings.com/books

Daisy Johnson

A fictional character she was introduced as *Skye,* a member of a quasi-terrorist organization that distributed knowledge not generally known. She acquired powers as an *inhuman* and joined S.H.I.E.L.D. becoming an agent. Agent Johnson talking to Glenn Talbot, Brigadier General, US Air Force who had been tortured, brainwashed, then morphed into a super-being, and at this moment, a literal danger to the continued existence of the planet. There are many definitions of *hero*. This was the shortest modern version I've found.

Hero, what is a

> You *are* one. The minute you enlisted, you became one. We all did. Look around. You're surrounded by them. Anyone who signs up for this, to lose friends or limbs or your mind or your life in protection of humanity.

From *Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* in Season 5, Episode 22, titled "The End", written by series creators Jed Whedon and Maurissa Tancharoen, first aired May 18, 2018.

David Jordan

David Starr Jordan (1851 − 1931) was an ichthyologist, educator, president of Indiana University (1884-1891), and the founding president of Stanford University (1891-1913).

Wisdom & Virtue

Wisdom is knowing what to do next.
Virtue is doing it.

From his *Ideals of Stanford* in *The Land of Sunshine: A Southern California Magazine*, Volume 9, Number 1 (June 1898), page 11.

A common variant adds skill: “Wisdom is knowing what to do next; Skill is knowing how to do it, and Virtue is doing it.”

Hal Jordan

A fictional character he was the first member of humanity inducted as a member of the *Green Lantern Corps*. (see history link below). The original Green Lantern was Alan Scott who appeared in 1940's *All-American Comics #16*. The *DC Comics Universe* introduced test pilot Hal Jordan in 1959's *Showcase #22*. Their oath:

Brightest/Darkest

In brightest day, in darkest night,
No evil shall escape my sight.
Let those who worship evil's might
Beware my power − Green Lantern's light!

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“Light” includes general illumination, spot, flood etc. plus non-luminous forms, such as social media, cable, streaming, broadcast television, etc. They can illuminate conditions, ignored crimes, problems, trends etc. Humor can provide light by alleviating tension, reducing fear, generate some good hormones, that sort of thing. See also *A Mind Stretched* on page 716.

For more on the GLC https://www.looper.com/274006/the-history-of-the-green-lantern-corps-explained/ and https://www.looper.com/247686/the-untold-truth-of-green-lantern/

Scott vs Jordan for first

Alan Scott was our chronological first, but the 1959 re-boot has Hal Jordan as the first.

Michael Josephson

(1942 − ?) attorney and law school teacher receiving full professor tenure in 1971 (under 30!). In 1985 he created an institute for ethics and named it for his parents. In 1996 he was awarded *America's Prize for Integrity* by President Ronald Reagan. There is nothing in his biography after 2016 when he would been over 70 years old. https://whatwillmatter.com/about/bio/

Choose to Live/Life

Choose to live a life that matters.

It is the last line of a 2003 poem. The complete poem is at https://whatwillmatter.com/2011/10/what-will-matter-745-3/
There is more on the site.

Carl Jung

Carl Gustav Jung (1875 − 1961) was a Swiss psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, and the founder of analytical psychology which influenced many other fields.

Avoiding own soul

People will do anything,
no matter how absurd,
to avoid facing their own souls.

From his book *Psychology and Alchemy* page 99. *C. G. Jung Collected Works Volume 12 Psychology And Alchemy* (1957) is on line at https://archive.org/details/c.-g.-jung-collected-works-volume-12-psychology-and-alchemy 705 pages.

Thinkers as Misfits

> The deep critical thinker has become the misfit of the world, this is not a coincidence. To maintain order and control you must isolate the intellectual, the sage, the philosopher, the savant before their ideas awaken people. This will cause a mental implosion from lack of thought stimulating conversations and interactions with others which will lead to their demise. That is one of the greatest tragedies of our time, the unwelcomed thinker who's brilliance will never be known.

Commonly attributed to Jung, but no definitive source was found.

Agent K

K was a fictional character played by Tommy Lee Jones talking with a potential agent played by Will Smith. The two had just met the Worms serving coffee.

Person and People

> A person may be smart. People are dumb, panicky, dangerous animals, and you know it. 1500 years ago everybody knew the Earth was the center of the of the universe. Five hundred years ago, everybody knew that the Earth was flat. 15 minutes ago you knew that people were alone on this planet. Imagine what you'll know tomorrow.

From the original *Men in Black* (1997). Lowell Cunningham wrote the comic and Ed Soloman wrote the screenplay.

Kahless

In the *Star Trek Universe, Kahless the Unforgettable* was the first Emperor of the Klingon Empire and generally known as the *greatest warrior of them all*. (*kay-less* not *kah-less*)

Judging A Leader

> A leader is judged not by the length of his reign but by the decisions he makes.

Worf quoting Kahless in *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine,* Season 7, Episode 22, titled *Tacking into the Wind,* first aired May 12, 1999, and written by Ronald D. Moore.

Kang

He is a fictional character in the *Star Trek Universe* first appearing in the original series (ST:TOS) as the commander of a Klingon vessel. The Klingon culture is bound to its warrior ethic and honor. An entity that feeds on fear exploited that culture for its own purposes by destroying the Klingon's vessel and creating a conflict with humans of the *USS Enterprise* (NCC-1701).

Fighting Foolishly

Only a fool fights in a burning house.

From ST:TOS, Season 3, Episode 7, titled *Day of the Dove*, first aired November 1, 1968, written by Jerome Bixby and Arthur H. Singer. This message has been lost on too many politicians over the millennia where conflict is used to divert the attention of the populace.

Garry Kasparov

Garry Kimovich Kasparov (1963 − ?) is a Russian chess grandmaster, political activist, and writer.

Modern propaganda

> The point of modern propaganda isn't only to misinform or push an agenda. It is to exhaust your critical thinking, to annihilate the truth. (There would be no game of Chess if the Pawns refused to play …)

The quote is widely attributed to him yet there was no authoritative source or time. It is certainly in line with many of his public statements. See https://www.cjr.org/q_and_a/kasparov-trump-russia-propaganda.php [Without critical thinking skills non-truths can seem very real.]

Helen Keller

Helen Adams Keller (1880 − 1968) was an American author, disability rights advocate, political activist, and lecturer. Both quotes are widely attributed to her. No definitive citation or source was found.

Sight vs Vision

The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision.

[Eyes provide sight which enables us to perceive the world around us. Our minds provide vision as an ability to think rationally or whimsically.]

No Shortcuts

There are no shortcuts to any place worth going.

Obi Wan Kenobi

A fictional character in the *Star Wars Universe*, he was the first Jedi introduced to the public (in movie presentation order). Soon after the mass assassination of Jedi Knights he went into exile as Ben Kenobi. Kenobi had trained Anakin Skywalker (who would become Darth Vader) and was training Anakin's son Luke Skywalker. The name appears with and without a hyphen between "Obi" and "Wan".

Who is more foolish?

Who's more foolish?
The fool or the fool who follows him?

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From *Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope* (1977, the first movie), written by George Lucas, Han Solo complains of their having to hide in the smuggling compartments of his ship the *Millennium Falcon*. Obi Wan is points out that Han Solo opted to follow. The quote can be seen in context at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-PzdN3Q5lac

Why You Stuck-Up, Half-Witted, Scruffy-Looking Nerf Herder!

Princess Leia to Han from *Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back* (1980, the second movie). [aww, she *did* love him!]

For the 100+ Jedi we knew as of July 2023
https://screenrant.com/every-jedi-in-star-wars-movies-tv-shows/

Neera Ketoul

A fictional character in the *Star Trek Universe*.

Law is an ideal

> Do you know why I love the law? Because a law is not a mirror to society. A law is an ideal, a beacon to remind us how to be our better selves and you have the opportunity today to do just that.

Neera Ketoul was counsel for the defense in *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds,* Season 2, Episode 2, titled *Ad Astra Per Aspera* (To the stars through adversity), first aired June 22, 2023, written by Akiva Goldsman and Alex Kurtzman. Gene Roddenberry received a writer's credit, but he had died in 1991, over thirty years earlier.

Rodney King

March 3, 1991 in Los Angeles California: Rodney Glen King (1965 − 2012) was caught by police after a high speed chase. Police were filmed beating Mr. King after he was in handcuffs and prone.

The police were later acquitted after a brief trial. Riots ensued for several days. 50+ people were killed, more than 2,000 were injured, about 9,500 were arrested, and there was over a billion dollars in property damage.

Getting along

Can’t we all get along?

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On the third day of the riots Mr. King said “People, I just want to say, can't we all get along? Can't we all get along?”

In August 1992 the US Department of Justice filed federal civil rights charges against the officers involved. King was eventually awarded $3.8 million for his injuries.

More at https://www.biography.com/crime/rodney-king

[This is being written near the end of 2023. March 1991 was over 32 years ago. The sad answer to Mr. King’s question remains no. Our nation is still fractured by chasms based in race, religion, finance, gender, desire, greed, hypocrisy, and more.]

Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 − 1968) was an American Baptist minister and civil rights activist.

Measure of a Man

> The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.

From *The Measure of a Man* (1959) which contains two speeches by Dr. King at Purdue University during the summer of 1958. Available at https://archive.org/details/measureofman0000king 52 pages

Leaders in Love

We need leaders not in love with money
but in love with justice.

Not in love with publicity
but in love with humanity.

From “The Birth of a New Age” speech on 11 August 1956 at Buffalo, NY. Available at Stanford’s *The Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute*
https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/king-papers/documents/birth-new-age-address-delivered-11-august-1956-fiftieth-anniversary-alpha-phi

Persistent Question In Life

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

The collection *Strength to Love* (1963) included the quote in *Three Dimensions of a Complete Life*" available at https://archive.org/details/strengthtolove0000king_a2n6

When it is Dark Enough

> But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough, can you see the stars.

Paraphrased from *I've been to the Mountaintop* speech given in Memphis, Tennessee on April 3 1968.

Dr. King didn't create the phrase, but attributed it to Dr. Charles A. Beard, an American historian (1874 − 1948). In turn Dr. Beard referenced Thomas Carlyle, a Scottish philosopher and social commentator in his book, *Past and Present* (1843). Available on line at https://archive.org/details/pastandpresent06carlgoog

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The words in context from the *Mountaintop* speech:

> But I wouldn't stop there. Strangely enough, I would turn to the Almighty, and say, 'If you allow me to live just a few years in the second half of the twentieth century, I will be happy.' Now that's a strange statement to make, because the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land. Confusion all around. That's a strange statement. ***But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough, can you see the stars***. And I see God working in this period of the twentieth century in a way that men, in some strange way, are responding — something is happening in our world. The masses of people are rising up. And wherever they are assembled today, whether they are in Johannesburg, South Africa; Nairobi, Kenya: Accra, Ghana; New York City; Atlanta, Georgia; Jackson, Mississippi; or Memphis, Tennessee — the cry is always the same — "We want to be free."

Purpose of Education

It seems to me that education has a two-fold function to perform in the life of man and in society: the one is utility and the other is culture.

Education must enable a man to become more efficient, to achieve with increasing facility the legitimate goals of his life.

Dr. King writing in the *Maroon Tiger,* the campus literary journal at Morehouse College. On line at https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/king-papers/documents/purpose-education

Klaatu (Mr. Carpenter)

Klaatu is a fictional character from the movie *Day the Earth Stood Still* (1951) based the short story *Farewell to the Master* by Harry Bates. The 1951 version of the movie was written by Edmund H. North and Harry Bates.

Farewell to the Master is on line as a 28 page PDF. See http://digital-eel.com/blog/library/Farewell_to_the_Master.pdf
Just four words provide for the shocking ending.

Scientific American's review of both the 1951 and 2008 movies:
https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/review-day-the-earth-stood-still/

Threat of Aggression – 1st Part

The universe grows smaller every day and the threat of aggression from any group anywhere can no longer be tolerated. There must be security for all or no one is secure.

Now, this does not mean giving up any freedom, except the freedom to act irresponsibly.

[me: As a stand alone concept this part is an excellent, and brief, definition of "global security". The rest of the speech is below.]

Threat of Aggression – 2nd Part

The test of any higher authority is, of course, the police force that supports it. For our policemen we created a race of robots. Their function is to patrol the planets in spaceships like this one and preserve the peace.

At the first sign of violence, they act automatically against the aggressor. The penalty for provoking their action is too terrible to risk. The result is, we live in peace without arms or armies, secure in the knowledge that we are free from aggression and war.

I came here to give you these facts. It is no concern of ours how you run your own planet. But if you threaten to extend your violence, this Earth of yours will be reduced to a burned-out cinder. Your choice is simple. Join us and live in peace or pursue your present course and face obliteration.

Klyden of Moclas

(see notes on next page)

Lifetime of Prejudice

> Those who felt as I did wanted to kill you. I had allowed a lifetime of prejudice to override my judgment. That must change. I must change.

Quoted from *The Orville,* Season 3, Episode 8, titled *Midnight Blue,* written by Seth MacFarlane, Brannon Braga, and André Bormanis.

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Notes: Klyden was speaking to his daughter Topa. The Moclans are officially a single-gender race, all male. They are not. The males lay eggs. Some children are born female and their gender changed at such an early age that many adults are unaware they were ever female.

Klyden is the mate of Bortas (see page 594) who is a lieutenant commander in the Planetary Union's fleet, serving as third in command of the *USS Orville*. They had an egg, female, named Topa.

She was changed to a male while still an infant. As a young person he felt “wrong” and, after considerable discussion, and interplanetary political turmoil, was changed back to female.

Forcing the Moclans to publicly face even the existence of females led to greater turmoil and precipitated greater conflict.

Lois Lane

Is a fictional character first appearing in *Action Comics* #1 (1938) with the first appearance of *Superman* created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. Lane was a reporter and co-worker of Clark Kent (Superman's secret identity) at that great metropolitan newspaper, the *Daily Planet* in Metropolis. In 2023 the characters were 75 years old and still popular in print and movies. AC#1 is generally considered the start of the entire superhero genre.

Action Comics #1 is also the world's most valuable comic book. The face price was ten cents in 1938. In 2014 a copy graded 9.0 (pristine) *Superman's Action Comics No. 1 sells for record $3.2 million on eBay* CNET Lance Whitney 8/26/2014 see https://www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/supermans-action-comics-no-1-sells-for-record-3-2-million-on-ebay/

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Truest Darkness

Darkness, the truest darkness, is not the absence of light. It is the conviction that the light will never return. But the light always returns to show us things familiar. Home, family, and things entirely new, or long overlooked. It shows us new possibilities and challenges us to pursue them.

This time, the light shone on the heroes coming out of the shadows to tell us we won't be alone again. Our darkness was deep and seemed to swallow all hope. But these heroes were here the whole time to remind us that hope is real, that you can see it. All you have to do is look up in the sky.

(bolding mine)(more)

The quote is from Lane's voiceover at the end of *Zack Snyder's Justice League* (2021). That is part of the *DC Comics Universe*.

Story by Zack Snyder, Chris Terrio, and Will Beall.

Screenplay by Chris Terrio.

Jerry Siegel died in 1986. Joe Shuster died in 1992.
Both received writer's credits for this 2021 movie.

See also the quote from *Babylon 5* on page 683.

T. E. Lawrence

Thomas Edward Lawrence (1888 – 1935) was a British Army officer, archaeologist, diplomat, and widely known for work against the Ottoman Empire in the First World War. Those exploits are more popularly attributed to his nom de guerre: *Lawrence of Arabia*. Like D. H. Lawrence (page 441) he was also known by his initials and died before he reached 50.

Dreams Not Equal

> All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dreams with open eyes, to make it possible.

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The above is a popular variant of the book's text shown below.

> This, therefore, is a faded dream of the time when I went down into the dust and noise of the Eastern market-place, and with my brain and muscles, with sweat and constant thinking, made others see my visions coming true.
>
> Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that all was vanity; but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dream with open eyes, and make it possible.

Which appears on page 6 of his memoirs *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* (1922) available at https://archive.org/details/sevenpillarsofwi0000lawr_c7u4

Bruce Lee

Born Lee Jun-fan (1940 − 1973) he was a Hong Kong-American martial artist of exceptional skill and an actor.

Calm is a superpower

> One of the best lessons you can learn in life is to master how to remain calm. Calm is a superpower.

Widely attributed to Bruce Lee and consistent with his expressed philosophy but no definitive source or citation was found.

Stan Lee

Stanley Martin Lieber (1922 − 2018) started as an American comic book writer. He wanted a shorter name so he took “Stanley” and broke it into both first and last names.

He advanced in the trade to editor, then publisher, and later executive producer of a string of excellent movies now called the *Marvel Cinematic Universe*. There are few people who could even be considered having equal impact on the industry. He created, or co-created, these characters: Ant-Man, Black Panther, Black Widow, Daredevil, Doctor Strange, Fantastic Four, Hulk, Iron Man, Scarlet Witch, Spider-Man, Thor, Wasp, X-Men, and more.

See *Forgotten by too many* on page 1036.

Sam Levenson

Samuel Levenson (1911 – 1980) was an American author, humorist, writer, television host, and journalist. In 1950 he was the first person to be roasted by the New York Friars' Club. Comedian Joe E. Lewis was co-roasted.

Helping Hand

> Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm.

This was my chosen quote for the senior yearbook. It is from *In One Era & Out the Other* (1973) which is on line at https://archive.org/details/inoneeraoutother00leve Also worth reading is *You Don't Have To Be In Who's Who To Know What's What* (1979).

Do what the clock does

Don’t watch the clock;
do what it does.

Keep going.

The quote is widely, very widely, attributed to Levenson, but none provided a citation.

Sinclair Lewis

Harry Sinclair Lewis (1885 − 1951) was an American novelist, short-story writer, and playwright. He was the first American to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature. He wrote *Main Street*, *Arrowsmith*, *Elmer Gantry*, *It Can't Happen Here,* and more.

Fascism in a flag

> When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross.

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This quote sounds like something he would write, but did not. It is a condensed version of something he did write.

This version was found in his book *It Can't Happen Here* (1935):

> But he saw too that in America the struggle was befogged by the fact that the worst Fascists were they who disowned the word 'Fascism' and preached enslavement to Capitalism under the style of Constitutional and Traditional Native American Liberty.

It Can't Happen Here is 472 pages long and available at https://archive.org/details/itcanthappenhere0000unse

Vince Lombardi

Vincent Thomas Lombardi (1913 − 1970) was considered by many to be the greatest coach in football history. He was also an executive in the National Football League.

Singleness of Purpose

Success demands singleness of purpose.

The quote is widely attributed to Lombardi, but no date or place or writing supporting a citation can be found. One place: https://parade.com/1334566/rose-maura-lorre/vince-lombardi-quotes/

Lazarus Long

Born Woodrow Wilson Smith (1912 − ??) Long is a fictional character, part of the third generation of a selective breeding for longevity administered by the Howard Foundation. Long reportedly lived over 2,000 years and may still be alive.

Long appeared in multiple books by Heinlein (see page 700). The primary source of his sayings is the *Notebooks of Lazarus Long* (1978) which include the many from Heinlein's anthology *Time Enough for Love* (1973) available at https://archive.org/details/RobertA.HeinleinTimeEnoughForLoveTheLivesOfLazarusLong.

Cheops' Law

Nothing ever gets built
on schedule or within budget.

From the *The Notebooks*.

Specialization

> A human being should be able to change a diaper, plan an invasion, butcher a hog, conn a ship, design a building, write a sonnet, balance accounts, build a wall, set a bone, comfort the dying, take orders, give orders, cooperate, act alone, solve equations, analyze a new problem, pitch manure, program a computer, cook a tasty meal, fight efficiently, die gallantly. Specialization is for insects.

From the *The Notebooks*.

Twin Concepts of Loyalty and Duty

The two highest achievements of the human mind are the twin concepts of *loyalty* and *duty*.

Whenever these twin concepts fall into disrepute – get out of there fast!

You may possibly save yourself, but it is too late to save that society. It is doomed.

From the *The Notebooks*. The warning may be even more urgent for America in 2024, 51 years after it was written in 1973.

Audre Lorde

Audrey Geraldine Lorde (1934 − 1992) was an African-American poet, activist, writer, radical feminist, professor, philosopher, and civil rights activist. She described herself as a "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet". She dropped the "y" from her first name in admiration of the symmetry. More at https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/audre-lorde

Not Differences That Divide Us

> It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept, and celebrate those differences.

The quote is cited and attributed at
https://legacyprojectchicago.org/person/audre-lorde

King Louis

This King Louis is a fictionalization of King Louis XIII as portrayed in the movie *The Three Musketeers* (1993).

Uncertain World

> This world is an uncertain realm, filled with danger. Honor undermined by the pursuit of power, freedom sacrificed when the weak are oppressed by the strong. But there are those who oppose these powerful forces, who dedicate their lives to truth, honor, and freedom. These men are known as Musketeers.

That was spoken near the end where the King inducts D'Artagnan as a Musketeer, the organization having been resurrected after being dissolved by the traitorous Cardinal Richelieu. Alexandre Dumas' story was adapted by David Loughery for the movie.

Linus

Is a fictional character in *Peanuts* cartoons by Charles M. Schulz.

Destroyed By Truth

Often attributed to Carl Sagan, but it is more likely to be a modified version of a phrase in *Seeker's Mask* (1994) by Patricia “Pat” Christine Hodgell: *That which can be destroyed by the truth, should be*. The longer version appears (without authentication) →

Rev. Lawrence Lovasik

Reverend Lawrence G. Lovasik (1913 − 1986) did missionary work in America's coal and steel regions, founded the *Sisters of the Divine Spirit,* a missionary congregation, and wrote numerous books and pamphlets emphasizing prayer and the Holy Eucharist.

Strength of Character

> Strength of character means the ability to overcome resentment against others, to hide hurt feelings, and to forgive quickly.

The Hidden Power of Kindness: A Practical Handbook for Souls who Dare to Transform the World, One Deed at a Time is a 1999 revision to the original 1962 publication, see page 85. The 1962 version is available at https://archive.org/details/hiddenpowerofkin0000lova 260 pages.

Hyacinthe Loyson

Charles Jean Marie Loyson (1827-1912), often called Père (Father) Hyacinthe, was a theologian known for eloquent sermons at Notre Dame de Paris and who sought to reconcile Catholicism with modern ideas.

Tree Planting

> The one who plants trees, knowing that he will never sit in their shade, has at least started to understand the meaning of life.

A version of a sermon Father Hyacinthe delivered in Paris in 1866.

(more)

Words from that sermon:

> These trees which he plants, and under whose shade he shall never sit, he loves them for themselves, and for the sake of his children and his children's children, who are to sit beneath the shadow of their spreading boughs.

Source: *The Family and the Church: Advent Conferences of Notre-Dame, Paris, 1866-7, 1868-9*, (1870) by Reverend Father Hyacinthe, Leonard Woolsey Bacon (editor), Lecture Fourth, December 23, 1866, "Fatherhood". Available on line at https://archive.org/details/familychurchadve00hyacrich 360 pages

Father Hyacinthe may have been influenced by Cicero: "he plants trees, which will be of use to another age" per *Cato Major* vii. 24.

Lucy

Drug mule Lucy was carrying a synthetic hormone which ruptured inside her triggering a biological change allowing her to use more of her mind. What to do with the developing knowledge and powers? She sought guidance from Professor Samuel Norman (see page 830). Both were fictional characters in the movie *Lucy* (2014) written by Luc Besson.

Knowledge is power. Ignorance Brings Chaos.

> Professor Norman: We're so driven by power and profit given man's nature it [advanced knowledge] might bring us only instability and chaos.
>
> Lucy: Ignorance brings chaos. Not knowledge.

That is: Knowledge does not bring chaos, ignorance does.

Machine, The

"The Machine" is a fictional super artificial intelligence, grown beyond its programming, as it is about to fail (die) in the series *Person of Interest* (2011 − 2016) created by Jonathan Nolan.

Everybody dies alone, but

> I learned everyone dies alone. But if you meant something to someone ... If you helped someone ... Or loved someone ... If even a single person remembers you ... Then maybe you never really die.

from Season 5, Episode 13, titled "*Return 0*" (zero) the last episode of the series. Written by series creator Jonathan Nolan and Denise Thé, first aired June 21, 2016 and rated by IMDB 9.8/10. See also *Death and Dying* on page 659.

Mack Mackenzie

Alphonso “Mack” Mackenzie is a fictional character in the series *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* (2013 − 2020). When we first met him Mack was chief engineer of a helicarrier. He would take other roles before becoming the director.

Evil Preys

Evil preys on the weak because it fears the strong.

From Season 3, Episode 20, titled *Emancipation*, first aired May 10, 2016. https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4877412/quotes

Mackenzie MacHale

A fictional television news producer in the series *The Newsroom* (2012 – 2014) created by Aaron Sorkin.

Journalism winning looks like

Will McAvoy: What does winning look like to you?

Mackenzie MacHale: Reclaiming the fourth estate. Reclaiming journalism as an honorable profession. A nightly newscast that informs a debate worthy of a great nation. Civility, respect and a return to what's important; the death of bitchiness; the death of gossip and voyeurism; speaking truth to stupid. No demographic sweet spot; a place where we can all come together.

Season 1, Episode 1 *We Just Decided To*, first aired June 24, 2012, and written by Aaron Sorkin. https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2289479/quotes

Archibald MacLeish

Archibald MacLeish (1892 − 1982) was an American poet, writer, lawyer, three time winner of the Pulitzer Prize, and the 9th Librarian of Congress serving from 1939 to 1944.

Religion @Best & Worst

> Religion is at its best when it makes us ask hard questions of ourselves. It is at its worst when it deludes us into thinking we have all the answers for everybody else.

Widely attributed to MacLeish but no specific citation was found.

Alexander Majewski

Attorney at law

Doing better

Majewski's Law

You can always have done better.

Originally provided to me as guidance in investing, but I'd later determine it applies to just about anything you do.

Ian Malcolm

Dr. Ian Malcolm, PhD, is a mathematician, an expert in chaos theory, a fictional character in the series of *Jurassic Park* movies.

Dinosaur Creation?

> Your scientists were so preoccupied with whether or not they could, they didn't stop to think if they should.

Dr. Malcolm was reviewing Jurassic Park park with John Hammond who created it. From the movie *Jurassic Park* (1993) based on the novel by Michael Crichton who also wrote the screenplay with David Koepp Dr. Malcolm's concern was warranted as the park residents broke free of the exhibits and, well, ate the humans. The sentiment was expressed decades earlier. See page 858.

Bob Marley

Robert Nesta "Bob" Marley (1945 − 1981) was a reggae giant so revered in Jamaica he received a state funeral.

Greatness of a man

> The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively.

No definitive source, but generally attributed to Marley.

Groucho Marx

Julius Henry "Groucho" Marx (1890 − 1977) was one of five brothers, all entertainers. They were: Adolph (later Arthur) Marx – stage name Harpo, Herbert (Zeppo) Marx, Julius (Groucho) Henry Marx, Leonard (Chico) Marx, and Milton (Gummo) Marx. More notes below.

Club Member

I refuse to join any club
that would have me as a member.

Groucho Marx's paraphrased resignation from the Friars' Club.

Politics is the Art

> Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies.

Disputed attribution. The Marx Brothers group were an American comedy team popular on stage, screen, and radio for 30 years. They skewered the socially respectable and ordered society in general. Groucho was considered a master of quick wit and one of America's greatest comedians during his 70+ years of performing. He died at 95.

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The attribution is disputed because a citation for Groucho actually saying it has not been found.

There is a use in a 1930 Massachusetts newspaper where British publisher and writer Ernest Benn is quoted with a slight variation in words. Henry Powell Spring's book *What is Truth* (1944) uses the quote, and attributed it to Benn.

Groucho lived from October 2, 1890 to August 19, 1977. He performed starting at age 25 (1915). Thus he had 15 years of public performance before Benn's first use in 1930.

The quote certainly fits Groucho's style. It is entirely possible that Benn got it from Groucho in the first place!

Best speech you'll regret

> Speak when you are angry,
> you'll make the best speech you'll ever regret.

On his game show *You Bet Your Life* Groucho gave that advice to contestants. On November 3, 1954 the *Greensboro Record*, of North Carolina, published *Inside TV* by Eve Starr on Page B3, Column 4 where she reported on that quote.

Others have said the same words, but Groucho is the oldest, substantiated speaker. Partly based on

https://quoteinvestigator.com/2014/05/17/angry-speech/#f+8894+1+1

Will McAvoy

A fictional television news anchor in the series *The Newsroom* (2012 − 2014) created by Aaron Sorkin.

American Exceptionalism, not

In an auditorium there was panel with one moderator and three guests. A question from a member of the audience was:

What about America makes it is the greatest country in the world?

Guest McAvoy didn't accept the question's premise that America was the greatest country in the word. National rankings included below are from about 2010.

(more)

McAvoy:
It's not the greatest country in the world, professor, that's my answer.

Moderator: You're saying...
McAvoy: Yes.

Moderator: Let's talk about...

McAvoy: Fine. Sharon [a panelist], the NEA is a loser. Yeah, it accounts for a penny out of our paychecks, but he [Lewis, the other panelist] gets to hit you with it anytime he wants. It doesn't cost money, it costs votes. It costs airtime and column inches. You know why people don't like liberals? Because they lose. If liberals are so f***in' smart, how come they lose so GODDAM ALWAYS!

Sharon: Hey...

(more)

McAvoy: [turns to Lewis] And with a straight face, you're going to tell students that America is so star spangled awesome that we're the only ones in the world who have freedom? Canada has freedom, Japan has freedom, the UK, France, Italy, Germany, Spain, Australia, BELGIUM has freedom! Two hundred and seven sovereign states in the world, like 180 of them have freedom.

Moderator: All right...

McAvoy: And, yeah, you... sorority girl [the questioner]. Just in case you accidentally wander into a voting booth one day, there are some things you should know. One of them is: **There is absolutely no evidence to support the statement that we're the greatest country in the world.** We're 7th in literacy, 27th in math, 22nd in science, 49th in life expectancy, 178th in infant mortality, 3rd in median household income, number 4 in labor force and number 4 in exports.

(bolding mine) (more)

We lead the world in only three categories: number of incarcerated citizens per capita, number of adults who believe angels are real and defense spending - where we spend more than the next 26 countries combined, 25 of whom are allies. Now, none of this is the fault of a 20-year-old college student, but you, nonetheless, are without a doubt a member of the worst period generation period ever period, so when you ask what makes us the greatest country in the world, I don't know what the FUCK you're talking about!... Yosemite?

It sure used to be. We stood up for what was right. We fought for moral reasons. We passed laws, struck down laws - for moral reasons. We waged wars on poverty, not on poor people. We sacrificed, we cared about our neighbors, we put our money where our mouths were and we never beat our chest.

(more)

We built great, big things, made ungodly technological advanced, explored the universe, cured diseases and we cultivated the world's greatest artists AND the world's greatest economy. We reached for the stars, acted like men [perhaps update to “adults”] .

We aspired to intelligence, we didn't belittle it. It didn't make us feel inferior. We didn't identify ourselves by who we voted for in the last election and we didn't scare so easy. We were able to be all these things and do all these things because we were informed... by great men, men who were revered. First step in solving any problem is recognizing there is one. America is not the greatest country in the world anymore.

McAvoy: [to moderator] Enough?

From *The Newsroom,* Season 1, Episode 1, written by Aaron Sorkin. A clip containing the whole exchange (and showing an off-panel participant) is at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTjMqda19wk

Sorkin told us more than a decade ago and we let it happen. Over that decade more and more of the ideals of America have been reduced bit by bit until the most recent generation does not know what has been lost.

American Taliban

> Ideological purity. Compromise as weakness. A fundamentalist belief in scriptural literalism. Denying science. Unmoved by facts. Undeterred by new information. A hostile fear of progress. A demonization of education. A need to control women's bodies. Severe xenophobia. Tribal mentality. Intolerance of dissent. Pathological hatred of the U.S. government. They can call themselves the Tea Party. They can call themselves conservatives. And they can even call themselves Republicans, though Republicans certainly shouldn't. But we should call them what they are - The American Taliban. (more)

From *The Newsroom*, Season 1, Episode 10, titled the *Greater Fool*, first aired August 26, 2012, written by Aaron Sorkin and six others (see https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2391725/fullcredits)

What does *Greater Fool* mean in this context? A PhD doing economics news, fictional character Sloan Sabbith, put it in a context used by economists:

> The greater fool is someone with the perfect blend of self-delusion and ego to think he can succeed where others have failed. This whole country was made by greater fools.

The story was placed in August 2011, just a year earlier than broadcast real time. (more)

Two years before, in 2009, Mitch McConnell said his “number-one goal was to make sure that Barack Obama was a one-term president.” It was just nine months into President Obama’s first term. McConnell repeated the statement later in November 2010. https://www.npr.org/sections/itsallpolitics/2010/11/04/131069048/sen-mcconnell-insists-one-term-for-obama

The prescient Sorkin missed a detail. The Tea Party, founded from a true grass-roots movement, was co-opted to become effectively the MAGA party. It was devoted not to America or its ideals, but the personal enrichment of Donald J. Trump. By hook or by crook, they were going to enrich themselves. Given the 90+ felony charges filed against just the one Trump, looks like lots of crook.

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Hell Fury Second Rate

This was actually said by Charlie Skinner, president of the News Division, and another fictional character in *The Newsroom*.

Skinner summed up the politicians in a party with the default position of opposing anything not theirs, never considering compromises ever, with this:

Hell hath no fury like the second rate.

Hub McCann

Is a fictional character in the movie *Secondhand Lions* (2003) written by Tim McCanlies.

See Robert Duvall deliver the below starting about 40 seconds in to this clip. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJemDZcgIZE

(more)

Needs to believe in

Sometimes the things that may or may not be true are the things a man needs to believe in the most.

That people are basically good;
that honor, courage, and virtue mean everything;
that power and money, money and power mean nothing;
that good always triumphs over evil;

and I want you to remember this,
that love ... true love never dies.

You remember that, boy. You remember that. Doesn't matter if it's true or not. You see, a man should believe in those things, because those are the things worth believing in.

Margaret Mead

Margaret Mead (1901 − 1978) was an American cultural anthropologist, author, and frequent speaker during the 1960s and the 1970s.

Children & Thought

Children must be taught how to think.
Not what to think.

From *Coming of Age in Samoa: A Psychological Study of Primitive Youth for Western Civilisation* (1928) available at https://archive.org/details/comingofageinsam00mead 344 pages

Small Group

Never doubt that a small group of
thoughtful, committed citizens
can change the world;

indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

Cited by Hajara Muhammad Kabir,
Northern women development. (2010) (in Nigeria).

See also *Part of Something Bigger* on page 619.

H. L. Mencken

Henry Louis Mencken (1880 − 1956) was an American journalist, essayist, satirist, critic, and more.

President represents inner soul of the people

> As democracy is perfected, the office of president represents, more and more closely, the inner soul of the people. On some great and glorious day the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last and the White House will be adorned by a downright moron.

Mencken writing for the *Baltimore Evening Sun* published on July 26, 1920, in an article entitled *Bayard vs. Lionheart.* It was reprinted in the book *On Politics: A Carnival of Buncombe*. Available at https://archive.org/details/onpoliticscarniv0000hlme 420 pages

Hans Moravec

Hans Peter Moravec (1948 − ?) is currently a member of the faculty at Carnegie Mellon University. In addition to robotics he works in artificial intelligence, writes on technology's impact, and a futurist supporting transhumanism, advocating the enhancement of the human condition.

Human Robot Paradox

> What is easy for robots is hard for humans.
> What is easy for humans is hard for robots.

The above is simplified from *Mind Children* (1988) where he wrote ... *it is comparatively easy to make computers exhibit adult level performance on intelligence tests or playing checkers, and difficult or impossible to give them the skills of a one-year-old when it comes to perception and mobility.* See page 15 of the book available at https://archive.org/details/mindchildrenfutu00mora

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Paradox examples: Robots can lift a thousand pounds with ease, humans can't. Using just their two hands humans can fold t-shirts in under two seconds. Two armed robots can't … yet.

Developing robots is difficult when trying to re-create what humans have done repeatedly to the point where we do it without conscious awareness.

In 1986 Marvin Minsky wrote: *In general, we're least aware of what our minds do best* and *we're more aware of simple processes that don't work well than of complex ones that work flawlessly.* From page 29 of his *The Society of Mind* (1986) https://archive.org/details/societyofmind00marv

The quote cited is closer to what Steven Pinker wrote: *The main lesson of thirty-five years of AI research is that the hard problems are easy and the easy problems are hard*. From page 192 of his *The Language Instinct* (1995) page 192 available at https://archive.org/details/languageinstinct0000pink

Edward R. Murrow

Edward Egbert Roscoe Murrow (1908 − 1965) was a radio and television broadcaster who was among the most esteemed figures in American broadcast journalism during its formative years.

He joined the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) in 1935 and was sent to London in 1937. His reliable and dramatic eyewitness reporting of the German takeover of Austria, Czechoslovakia and the Battle of Britain brought him national fame during radio journalism's coming of age.

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No fear if we remember

> We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason if we remember that we are not descended from fearful [people], [people] who feared to write, to speak, to associate and to defend causes which were, for the moment, unpopular.

From *A Report on Senator Joseph R. McCarthy* broadcast on *See It Now* on 9 March 1954. See more of the commentary below.

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More Commentary

No one familiar with the history of this country can deny that congressional committees are useful. It is necessary to investigate before legislating, but the line between investigating and persecuting is a very fine one and the junior Senator from Wisconsin has stepped over it repeatedly.

His primary achievement has been in confusing the public mind as between the internal and the external threats of communism.

We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty.

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We must remember always that accusation is not proof and that conviction depends upon evidence and due process of law. We will not walk in fear, one of another.

We will not be driven by fear into an age of unreason, if we dig deep in our history and our doctrine, and remember that we are not descended from fearful men — not from men who feared to write, to speak, to associate and to defend causes that were, for the moment, unpopular. This is no time for men who oppose Senator McCarthy's methods to keep silent, or for those who approve. We can deny our heritage and our history, but we cannot escape responsibility for the result. There is no way for a citizen of a republic to abdicate his responsibilities. As a nation we have come into our full inheritance at a tender age.

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We proclaim ourselves, as indeed we are, the defenders of freedom, wherever it continues to exist in the world, but we cannot defend freedom abroad by deserting it at home.

The actions of the junior Senator from Wisconsin have caused alarm and dismay amongst our allies abroad, and given considerable comfort to our enemies.

And whose fault is that? Not really his. He didn't create this situation of fear; he merely exploited it — and rather successfully. Cassius was right. “The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves.” Good night, and good luck.

A Report on Senator Joseph R. McCarthy Broadcast on CBS's *See It Now* March 9, 1954. See the complete commentary at https://alphahistory.com/coldwar/edward-r-murrow-on-mccarthy-1954/

Counterpoint - none

> Last week, Senator McCarthy appeared on this program to correct any errors he might have thought we made in our report of March ninth [1954] . Since he made no reference to any statements of fact that we made, we must conclude that he found no errors of fact.
>
> He proved again, that anyone who exposes him, anyone who does not share his hysterical disregard for decency and human dignity and the rights guaranteed by the Constitution, must be either a Communist or a “fellow traveler”. [a Communist sympathizer]

Murrow's reply to Senator Joseph McCarthy response.
CBS' *See It Now* on April 13, 1954.

Nation/Sheep>Government/Wolves

A nation of sheep will soon have a government of wolves.

Often attributed to Murrow, but no citation was found.

Terrorizing a Nation

No one can terrorize a whole nation,
unless we are all his accomplices.

CBS' *See It Now* aired on March 7, 1954.

Mobilizing a language

He mobilized the English language
and sent it into battle.

Murrow referring to Sir Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister of Great Britain, on *See It Now* CBS November 30, 1943.

Prisoner of Experiences

Everyone is a prisoner of his own experiences. No one can eliminate prejudices — just recognize them.

Murrow on *See It Now* CBS broadcast December 31, 1955.

Three Musketeers

The three Musketeers were Athos, Porthos, and Aramis. They were joined by a fourth, D'Artagnan, who wanted to be a Musketeer.

All for one

All for one and one for all!

The motto of the *Corps of Musketeers*. Alexandre Dumas' story was adapted by David Loughery for *The Three Musketeers* (1993). There were several other movies with the same title. (more)

Although Dumas' character D'Artagnan (sometimes shown with a lower case “d”) was fictional, it was partly based on the real life of Charles Ogier de Batz de Castelmore, Comte D'Artagnan (1611 − 1673) who was a captain of *Musketeers of the Guard*.

A fictionalized account of Comte D'Artagnan's life by Gatien de Courtilz de Sandras (1644 − 1712) was a partial basis for *The D'Artagnan Romances* by Alexandre Dumas. That series included *The Three Musketeers*. Count de la Fère (Athos), Baron du Vallon de Bracieux de Pierrefonds (Porthos), and René d'Herblay (Aramis) were characters of total fiction.

Volume II of *The D'Artagnan Romances, Vol 2: Twenty Years After* is available for your listening enjoyment at
https://archive.org/details/Dartagnanromances2_twenty_years_after_2_1903_librivox

Aleksei Navalny

Alexei Anatolyevich Navalny (1976 − 2024) of Russia was a lawyer, anti-corruption activist, opposed to Putin's regime, imprisoned for his views, and died under questionable circumstances at 47 years old.

Death and Strength

If they decide to kill me then
it means we are incredibly strong.

Cited at https://www.cbsnews.com/news/alexey-navalny-message-if-they-decide-to-kill-me-wife-yulia-message-today/ In a theme repeated over millennia, perhaps best memorialized by *Will no one rid me of this meddlesome priest?* (see page 253), the attempt by dictators to remove a single voice as an impediment to power will silence that one voice, but rarely succeeds in eradicating an ephemeral idea.

B. J. Neblett

an American author.

Sum of our experiences

> We are the sum total of our experiences. Those experiences – be they positive or negative – make us the person we are, at any given point in our lives. And, like a flowing river, those same experiences, and those yet to come, continue to influence and reshape the person we are, and the person we become. None of us are the same as we were yesterday, nor will be tomorrow.

From his book *George* (2009).

Hidden & Release

> The things we keep hidden deepest inside
> are often those that need most to be released.

Princess Haylee, a fictional character

from Neblett's book
Planet Alt-Sete-Nine: Book 2 Princess Haylee (2021)

Mike Needel

Michael A. Needel (1959 – ?) grew up in Austin, Texas. He served 22 years in the United States Marine Corps, retired as a chief warrant officer (W3) and then a decade plus in the Tennessee Department of Labor. He is a summa cum laude graduate from Trevecca University. An avid motorcycle enthusiast, as of late 2023 he has ridden in 49 of 50 states. Alaska awaits!

Cancer

Scientists are the major cause of cancer
in laboratory animals.

Citation: I heard it from him myself in September 2023.

Comparative Economics

The Needel Theory of Comparative Consumer Economics

> How many cheap ones can you get for the same price as an expensive one? Then, how long will those cheap ones last compared to one expensive one?

Early 2000 I needed a new coffee maker. I had choices from $15 to $150 for similar functionality. I got a Black & Decker for $25 including tax for a 6 cheap to 1 expensive ratio. The second question had no answer, but they'd be even ONLY if the expensive one lasted as long as 6 B&D.

The first B&D lasted over five years. I am on my third after more than 20 years. Would that $150 unit have lasted 20 years? I suspect not.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche (1844 − 1900) was a German philosopher, poet, critic, philologist, and composer. His writings questioned traditional morality and the nature of existence. His work exerted a profound influence on philosophy over centuries by using aphorism, irony, and more to convince others.

Not Kill > Strong

> That which does not kill us, makes us stronger.

It is a little different from the German language version which can be found as Number 8 from the *Maxims and Arrows* section of his book *Twilight of the Idols* (1895), 111 pages and on line at https://archive.org/details/anarchy_is_order_2003_nietzsche_twilight

Monsters & Abyss

> Battle not with monsters, lest ye become a monster, and if you gaze into the abyss, the abyss gazes also into you.

Beyond Good and Evil: Prelude to a Philosophy of the Future
first published in 1886 and available at

https://archive.org/details/beyondgoodevilpr00frie 292 pages

Truth/Lie being questioned

Truth does not mind being questioned.
A lie does not like being challenged.

Often attributed to Nietzsche and may be in his essay *On Truth and Lies in a Nonmoral Sense* also called *On Truth and Lie* in an Extra-Moral Sense.* The original published title was in German: *Über Wahrheit und Lüge im aussermoralischen Sinne.* Written in 1873, it was published in 1896 by his sister Elisabeth as Nietzsche was already ill.

* yes, it was the singular form “lie”. You can find the 20-page book at https://archive.org/details/NietzscheOnTruthAndLie

[Corollary: I would rather have questions I can't answer, than answers I can't question.]

Distrust Punishers

> Thus do I counsel you, my friends:
> distrust all in whom the impulse to punish is powerful!

From his book *Thus Spoke Zarathustra: A Book for All and None* also translated as *Thus Spake Zarathustra.* The original published German title was *Also sprach Zarathustra: Ein Buch für Alle und Keinen.* It was a large work of philosophical fiction and published in four volumes between 1883 and 1885.

This is the 1954 publication in English and 354 pages.
https://archive.org/details/thusspokezarathu00niet

Corrupting Youth

> The surest way to corrupt a youth is to instruct him to hold in higher esteem those who think alike than those who think differently.

From the series *Great Ideas of Western Man*. *The Dawn* (1881) §297. *The complete works of Friedrich Nietzsche* (1909) is available at https://archive.org/details/cu31924021569177

Over 160 Nietzche quotes
https://www.boredpanda.com/nietzsche-quotes/

Prove & Seduce

> It is not enough to prove something, one has also to seduce or elevate people to it. That is why the man of knowledge should learn how to speak his wisdom: and often in such a way that it sounds like folly!

Ibid §330

Muddy The Water

> They muddy the water to make it seem deep.

The quote above is a modern language version of

> Many a shrewd one did I find: he veiled his countenance and made his water muddy, that no one might see therethrough and thereunder.

from page 193 of his *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* available at https://archive.org/details/thusspokezarathu00nietuoft
Discussion at https://elevatesociety.com/they-muddy-the-water-to/

Samuel Norman

Professor Norman is a fictional character in the movie *Lucy* (2014) written by Luc Besson. Lucy had asked about the purpose of life. His reply is below. For something Lucy said see page 780.

Purpose of Human Life

For primitive beings like us, life seems to have only one single purpose: gaining time. And it is going through time that seems to be also the only real purpose of each of the cells in our bodies. To achieve that aim, the mass of the cells that make up earthworms and human beings has only two solutions. Be immortal, or to reproduce.

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If its habitat is not sufficiently favorable or nurturing, the cell will choose immortality. In other words, self-sufficiency and self-management. On the other hand, if the habitat is favorable, they will choose to reproduce.

That way, when they die, they hand down essential information and knowledge to the next cell. Which hands it down to the next cell and so on. **Thus knowledge and learning are handed down through time.**

[bolding mine]

Mohamad Safa

A Lebanese (1991 − ?) diplomat, political and social figure, Safa is a representative to the United Nations - ECOSOC. See his page at https://www.linkedin.com/in/mhdksafa/

Our World, Divided

> Our world is not divided by race, color, gender, or religion. Our world is divided into wise people and fools. And fools divide themselves by race, color, gender, or religion.

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The specific phrase above was posted by Safa on Facebook August 6, 2020. https://www.facebook.com/mhdksafa/posts/our-world-is-not-divided-by-race-color-gender-or-religion-our-world-is-divided-i/693435314568397/

Similar concepts were presented July 18, 2020 at lecture by the United Nations Secretary-General titled *Nelson Mandela Lecture: "Tackling the Inequality Pandemic: A New Social Contract for a New Era"*.

https://www.un.org/sg/en/content/sg/statement/2020-07-18/secretary-generals-nelson-mandela-lecture-%E2%80%9Ctackling-the-inequality-pandemic-new-social-contract-for-new-era%E2%80%9D-delivered Regarding misattribution of specific phrase see https://www.reuters.com/article/world/fact-check-quote-on-a-divided-world-misattributed-to-nelson-mandela-idUSKBN26X1W6/

Number Six

He is a fictional British intelligence officer who resigns and goes home to pack. Gas comes through the keyhole and he wakes up in “The Village”. The television show *The Prisoner* (1967) portrays his life there where he is known only as “Number Six”. All the others are known only by numbers. Are they fellow prisoners? Guards? Administrators? One thing is clear: Number Two is not a friend. As of January 2024 all 17 episodes are available at https://shout-tv.com/series/the-prisoner

See also a long format television interview of Patrick McGoohan by Warner Troyer. It was originally broadcast in Canada circa 1977 and is rarely seen. During the interview McGoohan reveals the show was intended for a very small audience and to provoke thought as people questioned its meaning. The show succeeded.

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In 2024 The Prisoner has cultural relevance as it did when first broadcast. It is still debated and analyzed and considered as being way ahead of its time. Many of McGoohan's concerns about mankind were prescient and we're playing them out almost sixty years later.

https://stuffnobodycaresabout.com/2018/06/14/meaning-of-the-prisoner/

Given the influence of "Big Data" are we all just numbers in 2024?

Food for thought.

Be seeing you.

Quotes are on the following pages.

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Not a number

The show's episodic opening narrative

Number Six: Where am I?
Number Two: In the Village.

Number Six: What do you want?
Number Two: Information.

Number Six: Whose side are you on?
Number Two: That would be telling. We want information… information… information.

Number Six: You won't get it.
Number Two: By hook or by crook, we will.

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Number Six: Who are you?
Number Two: The new Number Two.

Number Six: Who is Number One?
Number Two: You are[,*1] Number Six.

Number Six: I am not a number! I am a free man!
Number Two: [laughs]

*1 Each episode introduction was made by Number Two as played by different actors. The same words are spoken. Yet there are two meanings depending on the length of the pause after “are”. If the pause is non-existent (no comma) the sentence is a re-affirmation of his identity “You are Number Six”. If the pause is significant (as it was at least twice) it would be “You are, Number Six” meaning Number Six is Number One. Is he? Maybe.
https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/The_Prisoner#Introduction (more)

My Life Is My Own

> I've resigned. I will not be pushed, filed, stamped, indexed, briefed, debriefed, or numbered! My life is my own!

From *The Prisoner*, Season 1, Episode 1, titled *Arrival*, first aired June 1, 1968, written by George Markstein, David Tomblin, and Patrick McGoohan.

https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/The_Prisoner#Arrival

William of Occam

(or Ockham) (b? − 1347)

He was an English Franciscan friar, scholastic philosopher, and Catholic theologian. A major figure of medieval thought, this put him amid the significant intellectual and political controversies of the 14th century.

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Occam's Razor

Of two possible theories the simplest
is generally more likely to be correct.

It is an abductive heuristic in the development of theoretical models, also called the *law of economy* or *law of parsimony.*

It is not used to decide the best among candidate models. In the scientific method, *Occam's razor* is not considered an irrefutable principle of logic or a scientific result; the preference for simplicity in the scientific method is based on the falsifiability criterion.

Also: Of two possible theories that fit all available evidence, the best theory is the one with fewer moving parts.

Occam's Barber

> Those who are labeled “conspiracy theorists”, “armchair theorists”, etc, are *hypothesists*, emphasis on “hype”.

This corollary to his razor introduced a new term: *Hypothesist,* those who provides claims without evidence or demonstration.

A theory is supported by evidence and withstands critical thinking. The results can repeatedly and correctly be predicted.

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Occam's Barber appeared in a Reddit forum in 2014

> Occam's Barber: ***You are completely entitled to your own opinions that are not supported by evidence.***
>
> https://www.reddit.com/r/exmormon/comments/2s6u71/occams_barber_you_are_completely_entitled_to_your/

Imagur added in 2015: ***But the moment you spread that opinion as fact, you are a liar. And if you spread it as fact knowing it is not supported by evidence, you are both a liar and a fraud.***
https://imgur.com/NNriYnj

[for both italic bolding mine]

He also said

(Occam also said)

> Entities must not be multiplied beyond necessity
> Entia non-sunt multiplicanda praeter necessitatem

> It is futile to do with more things that which can be done with fewer [things] . [Rube Goldberg would disagree.]

Hiccum's Dictum

> A patient can have more than one problem explaining signs and symptoms. - Or -
> A man can have as many diseases as he damn well pleases.

Attributed to an anonymous and perhaps apocryphal physician.

Odin

Odin was chief of the Aesir tribe of gods and goddesses, one of two major tribes of deities venerated by the pre-Christian Norse. (More at https://norse-mythology.org/gods-and-creatures/the-aesir-gods-and-goddesses/) Thor, God of Thunder (and lightning), was Odin's son. (more on Thor at https://norse-mythology.org/gods-and-creatures/the-aesir-gods-and-goddesses/thor/)

Democracy & God of Hammers

Good literature and cinema can provide guidance for a change in an individual or a nation. Thor is feeling powerless and unable to combat a very bad situation because he has lost his hammer. Odin asks:

Are you Thor, God of Hammers?

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The hammer was to help focus Thor's power. Thor was the source.

From *Thor: Ragnorok* (2017) written by Eric Pearson, Craig Kyle, and Christopher L. Yost.

Voters have the power. Some either never knew it, or forgot it.

Reverend Mother Darwi Odrade

was a Bene Gesserit Mother Superior, a fictional character in Frank Herbert's *Dune* series of books.

Damage From Isolation

> How tempting it is to raise high walls and keep out change. Rot here in our own self-satisfied comfort. Enclosures of any kind are a fertile breeding ground for hatred of outsiders. That produces a bitter harvest.

Found in *Chapterhouse: Dune* (1985), the sixth and final novel in Herbert's *Dune* series. The quote can be found on the lower quarter of page numbered 18 at
https://archive.org/details/chapterhousedune00herb

Gary Oldman

Gary Leonard Oldman (1958 − ?) is an English actor and filmmaker acclaimed for his versatility and style and received many awards. He has portrayed a wide range of characters including Stansfield (a very crooked cop) in *The Professional* (1994), Zorg (interplanetary evil person) in *Fifth Element* (1997), to Sir Winston Churchill in *Darkest Hour* (2017).

The quote below can be found in the article *My dog has more dignity than the Kardashians* in *The Independent* issue of February 10, 2014. https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/films/features/robocop-s-gary-oldman-on-the-kardashians-and-being-the-highestgrossing-actor-in-film-history-9120010.html and discussed at https://platosmirror.com/gary-oldman-reality-tv-to-me-is-the-museum-of-social-decay/ (italics in the quote are mine)

Museum of Social Decay

Its strange that we're connecting more, but not. And it's spawned a whole generation of bullies and everybody's a critic; things they would never say to your face; people hide behind it. I just feel it's all going to shit, like when you look at reality *TV which is the museum of social decay.*

Jimmy Olsen

James “Jimmy” Olsen is a fictional character initially portrayed as a young photographer working with reporters Clark Kent (the secret identity of Superman) and Lois Lane at *The Daily Planet*, a great metropolitan newspaper. Olsen first appeared in *Action Comics No. 6* in November 1938.

Not A Reason Media Exists

The media does not exist
to make people like you feel good.

From Olsen to Max Lord, an intelligent person with a huge ego and flexible morality. This quote comes the television series *Supergirl* (2015–2021) during the first season and in some episode on DVD Disk 3. *Supergirl* is now part of the *DC Comics Universe.*

George Orwell

Born Eric Arthur Blair (1903 − 1950) wrote English novels and essays characterized by lucid prose with positions on social criticism, opposition to totalitarianism, and support of democratic socialism.

To keep control was not difficult

> Heavy physical work, the care of home and children, petty quarrels with neighbours, films, football, beer, and above all, gambling fill up the horizon of their minds. To keep them in control was not difficult. All that was required of them was a primitive patriotism which could be appealed to whenever it was necessary to make them accept longer working hours or shorter rations. And when they did become discontented, as they sometimes did, their discontentment led nowhere, because being without general ideas, they could only focus it on petty grievances.

From *1984* https://archive.org/details/Orwell1984preywo 595 pages

Political Language Is Designed

> Political language is designed to make lie sound truthful and murder respectable and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.

The quote is an abbreviated version of text from Orwell's *Politics and the English Language,* a 14 page essay published in the April 1946 issue of the journal *Horizon*, volume 13, issue 76, on pages 252–265. The quote is from the last paragraph at https://archive.org/details/PoliticsAndTheEnglishLanguage

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The complete sentence below refers to all political parties. As Orwell described in *Animal Farm* (1945), all pigs are equal, but some pigs are more equal than others. i.e. some politicians abuse language more than others.

> Political language — and with variations this is true of all political parties, from Conservatives to Anarchists — is designed to make lies sound truthful and murder respectable, and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.

All 146 pages of *Animal Farm* are available on line at
https://archive.org/details/AnimalFarmByGeorgeOrwell

Chuck Palahniuk

(1962 − ?) is an American satirical novelist, essayist, and journalist. He has written ten novels including *Pygmy, Snuff, Rant, Haunted, Lullaby, Fight Club* (made into a film), *Diary, Survivor, Invisible Monsters,* and *Choke* (made into a film).

Remembered Destroy/Create

We'll be remembered more
for what we destroy than what we create.

From his *Invisible Monsters – Remix* (2012) page numbered 39 near the top. *Remix* is the original book from 1999 now readable via multiple different sequences with some added materials. Available at https://archive.org/details/invisiblemonster0000pala There are dozens of his quotes cited at https://en.wikiquote.org/wiki/Invisible_Monsters

Sancho Panza

He was the fictional sidekick in *Don Quixote* written by Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra (1547 − 1616). The two parts of the novel were published in 1605 and 1615 respectively.

Pitcher vs Stone

Whether the pitcher hits the stone
or the stone hits the pitcher,
it goes ill for the pitcher.

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Adventures of Don Quixote de la Mancha was translated and published in 1866 where the quote appears on page 587. See https://archive.org/details/adventuresdonqu00jarvgoog

For more of the story see https://www.shmoop.com/study-guides/literature/don-quixote

This is where we got the phrase “Tilting at windmills” to describe a hopeless quest, yet sometimes the windmills do lose.

Francis W. Parker

Colonel Francis Wayland Parker (1837 − 1902) believed education should include the complete development of an individual — mental, physical, and moral. He didn't believe in standardization and rote learning. He helped show that education was about teaching students to think for themselves and become independent people. Why colonel? In August 1861 he enlisted as a 23-year old private in the 4th New Hampshire Volunteer Infantry. He was elected lieutenant, promoted to captain and appointed company commander. In early 1865 he was promoted to lieutenant colonel and made commander of the 4th New Hampshire.

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Supreme Need of Society

> The supreme need of society is good citizenship … ideal citizenship demands of the individual the highest degree of knowledge, power, skill and service.

See his book *Uncle Robert's Geography* at https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/6441

Also *The Social Ideas of American Educators* (1935) by Merle Curti, pages 374–95 and the entry for "Parker, Francis Wayland" in *American National Biography* (Oxford UP, 1999) John A. Garraty.

See also *Education A Key To Change* on page 716.

Colleen Patrick-Goudreau

(1970 − ?) is an American author, lecturer, TEDx speaker, and podcaster.

Can >< Should

Just because we can doesn't mean we should.

Just because we always have doesn't mean we always have to.

Once we know better, we should choose better.

That first sentence has been attributed to many others.

Jean-Luc Picard

A fictional character in the *Star Trek Universe* Captain Picard first appeared in *Star Trek – Next Generation* (1987 − 1994). He appeared in many related programs, multiple movies, and in *Star Trek: Picard* (2020 – 2023).

Only Following Orders

Lieutenant Commander Data (also see page 638) was serving as Starfleet's first android commanding officer aboard the *USS Sutherland* (NCC-72015). During a major battle he defied direct orders, but with the single ship he effectively won the battle. Later Data submitted himself for disciplinary action saying the ends can not justify the means.

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His disobedience required disciplinary action. Captain Picard said:

> The claim, "I was only following orders" has been used to justify too many tragedies in our history. Starfleet does not want officers who will blindly follow orders without analyzing the situation. Your actions were appropriate for the circumstances, and I have noted that in your record.

From *Star Trek: Next Generation* (ST:TNG), part of the *Star Trek Universe*, Season 5, Episode 1, titled *Redemption* (part 2 of 2 parts), first aired September 23, 1991, and written by Ronald D. Moore.

Our Chains, Forged Link by Link

> "With the first link, the chain is forged. The first speech censured, the first thought forbidden, the first freedom denied, chains us all irrevocably." Those words were uttered by Judge Aaron Satie as wisdom and warning. The first time any man's freedom is trodden on, we're all damaged.

Picard reiterating the words of a fictional judge in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Season 4, Episode 21, titled *The Drumhead*, written by Jeri Taylor, and first aired April 27, 1991. The scene is on line at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjJN08uqt70

Past Written/Future Open

The past is written. But the future is left for us to write and we have powerful tools …. openness, optimism, and the spirit of curiosity.

All they have is secrecy and fear.
And fear is the Great Destroyer.

Star Trek: Picard, Season 1, Episode 8, titled *Broken Pieces,* written by Michael Chabon.

Emerson Pugh

Emerson M. Pugh (1896 − 1981) was a physicist and professor of physics at Carnegie Institute of Technology (CIT) 1930 to 1965. He specialized in solid state physics and in properties of ferromagnetic materials. CIT became Carnegie Mellon University.

Grasping The Mind

If the human brain were so simple
that we could understand it,

we would be so simple
that we couldn't.

(more)

From *The Biological Origin of Human Values* (1977) by George Edgin Pugh (son of Emerson M. Pugh) on page 154, at the top just below the title of Chapter 7 *Mysteries of the Mind.* The book is available at https://archive.org/details/biologicalorigin0000pugh

Several variants and multiple sources were untangled at the QuoteInvestigator. https://quoteinvestigator.com/2016/03/05/brain/

disambiguation: Emerson W. Pugh (1929 − ?) is an American research engineer and scientist, whose career at US corporation IBM spanned several decades and resulted in significant innovations in computer memory technologies. He is a fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Pure Living

These are all from a four-pager found in a restaurant, published by McCracken & Ballard. This was dated November 2023.

Doing & Becoming

Don’t let what you are doing
keep you from what you want to become.

Wish or Back?

Many people fail to succeed because
they have a wish-bone instead of a backbone.

Sacrifice For Accomplishment

A life that sacrifices nothing, accomplishes nothing.
Doing great things requires great effort.

Circumstances are a start

Your present circumstances do not determine where you finish; only where you start.

William Riker

Commander William Thomas Riker is a fictional character in the *Star Trek Universe* then serving as the first officer of the USS Enterprise (NCC 1701-D) in the series *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (1987 – 1994).

Justice < > Rule Book

When has justice ever been
as simple as a rule book?

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While visiting another planet a teenager from the *Enterprise*, broke a law and stepped on some new plants. There was a warning bar about a foot off the ground. What was unknown is that this planet's only penalty for criminality was death. This set up a conflict between obeying local law despite the lack of intent, fulfilling the Federation's Prime Directive of non-interference, and not permitting the death of the teenager. An appeal was made that laws can not be absolute. Circumstances can make a difference. The superior authority of the planet agreed.

From *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, Season 1, Episode 7, titled *Justice,* and first aired November 7, 1987. Story by John D. F. Black under his pseudonym Ralph Wills because his story was significantly changed in a re-write by Gene Roddenberry and Worley Thorne, who also wrote the teleplay.

Maximilien Robespierre

Maximilien François Marie Isidore de Robespierre (1758 − 1794) was a French lawyer, diplomat, and statesman. He was executed by guillotine during the French Revolution.

Freedom & Tyranny

The secret of freedom
lies in educating the people.

Whereas the secret of tyranny
is in keeping them ignorant.

He publicly said that circa November 1792 and was quoted in *Oeuvres de Maximilien Robespierre* (1840), Volume 2, page 253. The original French was translated.

Gene Roddenberry

Eugene Wesley Roddenberry (1921 − 1991), also known as *the Great Bird of the Galaxy,* was a pilot, police officer, author, screen writer, and producer. Underlying all that he was a humanist, a believer in human potential. He advocated social equality, scientific progress, and was a resolute optimist about the future of the species.

Different >< Ugly >< Wrong

> To be different is not necessarily to be ugly; to have a different idea is not necessarily to be wrong. The worst possible thing is for all of us to begin to look and talk and act and think alike.

Gene Roddenberry The Last Conversation : A Dialogue With the Creator of Star Trek (1994) available on line at https://archive.org/details/generoddenberryl0000fern

Humanity reaching maturity

> The whole show [Star Trek] was an attempt to say that humanity will reach maturity and wisdom on the day that it begins not just to tolerate, but take a special delight in differences in ideas and differences in life forms. [. . .]
>
> If we cannot learn to actually enjoy those small differences, to take a positive delight in those small differences between our own kind, here on this planet, then we do not deserve to go out into space and meet the diversity that is almost certainly out there.

On a 1976 record *Inside Star Trek,* the track *The Star Trek Philosophy.*
For more see https://libquotes.com/gene-roddenberry

Andy Rooney

Andrew Aitken Rooney (1919 – 2011) was an American radio and television writer. He started with the US Army in 1942 writing for *Stars and Stripes* in London. He flew on the second American bombing raid over Germany in February 1943. He was one of the first American journalists to visit the Nazi concentration camps. Rooney had been opposed to World War II because he was a pacifist. He recounted that what he saw in those concentration camps made him ashamed that he had opposed the war and changed his opinion about whether "just wars" (just meaning *justified*) exist*. During his service he received the Bronze Medal and Air Medal. He was perhaps best known for 33 years of *A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney*, the closing part of CBS' *60 Minutes*.

* Some have a question on Rooney's conversion from "any peace is better than war" to "just wars exist". See the third paragraph from the bottom. https://www.historynet.com/war-correspondent-andy-rooney

Who is asking

> Did you ever notice that when homeless people ask for money, most people ignore them, but when preachers with homes ask for money, most people open their wallets and checkbooks? Why is that?

Although attributed to Rooney no citation source was found. As with other unattributed or misattributed quotes the substance is more thought-provoking than who said it.

Mike Royko

Michael Royko Jr. (1932 − 1997) was an American writer and newspaper columnist from Chicago, Illinois. He wrote for *The O'Hare News* (a U. S. Air Force newspaper based at O'Hare Field), the *City News Bureau of Chicago,* and the *Lincoln-Belmont Booster*. He wrote more than 7,500 daily columns for Chicago's three major papers the *Daily News*, *Sun-Times*, and the *Tribune*.

He won the 1972 Pulitzer Prize for his commentary.

Harder to be a Liberal

> It's much harder to be a liberal than a conservative. Why? Because it's easier to give someone the finger than a helping hand.

From his book *Mike Royko: The Chicago Tribune Collection 1984-1997* (2014) reportedly on page 2,954. See the Newberry Library https://archives.newberry.org/repositories/2/resources/283

Dean Rusk

David Dean Rusk (1909 − 1994) was Secretary of State of the United States from 1961 to 1969. He served under presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson making him the second-longest serving person in that cabinet position. As a Rhodes scholar he earned a masters degree at St. John's College, Oxford. Soon after his taking office the United States was involved with the Russian IRBMs being placed in Cuba (the Cuban Missile Crisis), a growing military presence in Indochina (Vietnam Conflict), the assassination of President Kennedy, and more.

Ears, a tool of persuasion

> One of the best ways to persuade others
> is with your ears — by listening to them.

1961 May, Reader's Digest, Volume 78, Number 469, *Quotable Quotes*, Quote Page 130, The Reader's Digest Association, Pleasantville, New York.

Also *The Excellence Dividend: Meeting the Tech Tide with Work That Wows and Jobs That Last* (2018) by Tom Peters (Thomas J. Peters), Chapter 13: *Listening, The Bedrock of Leadership Excellence.* See page 349 at https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26953110M/The_excellence_dividend

Bertrand Russell

Bertrand Arthur William Russell (1872 − 1970), the 3rd Earl Russell, was a British mathematician, logician, philosopher, recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950, and much more.

Collective fear

> Collective fear stimulates herd instinct, and tends to produce ferocity toward those who are not regarded as members of the herd.

In his book *Unpopular Essays* first published 1921. Available at https://archive.org/details/in.ernet.dli.2015.462628 224 pages

How Fascism Starts

The first step in a fascist movement is the combination under an energetic leader of a number of men who possess more than the average share of leisure, brutality, and stupidity.

The next step is to fascinate fools and muzzle the intelligent, by emotional excitement on the one hand and terrorism on the other.

In his *A Fresh Look at Empiricism: 1927-42* (1996) at page 441
https://books.google.com/books?id=oEoi0HnF7j0C&q=first+step+in+a+fascist+movement#v=snippet&q=first%20step%20in%20a%20fascist%20movement&f=false

Dick Rutan

Richard Glenn Rutan (1938 − 2024), called “Dick”, joined the U. S. Air Force as a teenager and flew more than 300 combat missions during the Vietnam Conflict. He had “the velvet arm” so named for the exceptionally smooth control he exercised over aircraft.

Freedom to pursue dreams

We had the freedom to pursue a dream, and that’s important and we should never forget, and those that guard our freedoms, that we should hang on to them very tenaciously and be very careful about some do-gooder that thinks that our safety is more important than our freedom. ***Because freedom is awful difficult to obtain, and it’s even more difficult to regain it once it’s lost.***

Italics were added to the source
https://apnews.com/article/dick-rutan-voyager-pilot-plane-d4fa2130f81ea3a9dfd95bb8ea1285d7

Sakini

A fictional character in the book *Teahouse of the August Moon* by Vern Sneider published in 1951.

Pain-Life-Endurable

Pain makes man think.
Thought makes man wise.
Wisdom makes life endurable.

Marlon Brando as Sakini spoke this line in the 1956 movie. John Patrick wrote the screenplay for the movie and the 1957 play where the line appears in Act I, Scene I.

Play: https://archive.org/details/teahouseofaugust00patr 202 pages.
Book: https://archive.org/details/teahouseofaugust0000snei 300 pages.

St. Francis de Sales

St. Francis de Sales (1567 − 1622) was a Christian bishop.

Strength & Gentleness

Nothing is so strong as gentleness,
nothing so gentle as real strength.

Attribution found at *Oblates of St. Francis de Sales North American Provinces*. (S IV 9) In the Roman Catholic Church an *oblate* is a secular person devoted to a monastery, but not under its vows. More at https://www.oblates.org/st-francis-wisdom/

Sometimes attributed to von Goethe. See page 105.

Brandon Sanderson

Brandon Winn Sanderson (1975 – ?) is an American author of fantasy and science fiction.

Important vs Vital

> The mark of a great man is one who knows when to set aside the important things in order to accomplish the vital ones.

From *The Alloy of Law: A Mistborn Novel* (2011) 4th in the series.

Sorry won't fix

> Some mistakes, though, you can't fix by being sorry.
> Can't fix them, no matter what you do. *ibid*

George Santayana

Born Jorge Agustín Nicolás Ruiz de Santayana y Borrás (1863 − 1952), anglicized as “George Santayana”. He was a Spanish-American philosopher, historian, essayist, poet, and novelist.

Remembering the Past

Those who cannot remember the past
are condemned to repeat it.

From his book *The Life of Reason; or, the Phases of Human Progress* (1905) on line at https://archive.org/details/lifeofreasonorph01sant 213 pages

Fanatic, defined

A fanatic is one who redoubles his effort
when he has forgotten his aim.

Revised version of "Fanaticism consists of redoubling your efforts when you have forgotten your aim." which can be found in his *The Logic of Fanaticism* (1914) on page 55 of the collection *The philosophy of Santayana; selections from all the works of George Santayana* (1953). All 978 pages are available at
https://archive.org/details/philosophyofsant0000sant/page/55/mode/1up?q=fanaticism

see also the article *Santayana on Fanaticism* 30 December 2015 by Chris Skowroński at http://www.chrisskowronski.com/santayana-on-fanaticism/

Matt Santos

Matthew Vincente Santos is a fictional character in the television series *West Wing* (1999 – 2006). A graduate of the US Naval Academy, he was commissioned in the United States Marine Corps. He had been mayor of Houston. At the time he was speaking he was a US Representative from Texas and a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve.

Ask for perfection = Asking for deception.

> Vote not for the candidate who promises special favors for you at the expense of others. Vote FOR the candidate who shares your ideals, your hopes, your dreams. Vote for the person who embodies what you believe we need to keep our nation strong and free.

(more)

From *The West Wing*, Season 6, Episode 22, titled *2162 Votes*, first aired April 5, 2005, and written by Aaron Sorkin, John Wells, and Lauren Schmidt Hissrich.

The line was in the speech given by Matt Santos, as one of several candidates to be the Democratic nominee, at the convention. Jimmy Smits delivers at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXoLaMhx-zI (4m 14s, and worth watching it all.)

The quote was good advice in 2005. It was still good in 2016 and remains good in 2024. Lamentably too many believe a candidate's headlines and don't notice the absence of details. The text is available at https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0745586/quotes

Arthur Schopenhauer

Schopenhauer was a German philosopher (1788 − 1860).

Trifles reveal character

> It is with trifles and when he is off guard,
> that a man best reveals his character.

From *The World as Will and Representation* (1818) which characterizes the phenomenal world as the product of a blind noumenal will. Available at https://archive.org/details/the-world-as-will-and-representation 555 pages. *Phenomenal* - Extraordinary; outstanding. Known or derived through the senses rather than through the mind. *Noumenal* - real; opposed to phenomenal. Of, or pertaining to, the noumenon or the realm of things as they are in themselves.

Maria Shriver

Maria Owings Shriver (1955 – ?) is an American journalist at CBS and anchor of the CBS Morning News. In 1986 she joined NBC News anchoring weekend editions of the Today show and the NBC Nightly News, and correspondent for Dateline NBC, receiving a Peabody Award in 1998. She left NBC News in 2004 to focus on her role as First Lady of California, she returned in 2013 as a special anchor. She is a member of the Shriver and Kennedy families.

Truth & Lies

The truth is still the truth, even if no one believes it
A lie is still a lie, even if everyone believes it.

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[she continues]

> I know there have been times in my life when I was afraid of the truth. There were times when I asked for it, was pretty sure I didn't get it, and then settled into the lie. Doing so was easier. Maybe I even preferred the lie.
>
> But at a certain point, the lies eat at your soul. They drag you down because you know somewhere deep within that you aren't getting the truth. Start today off by demanding the truth. By searching for it. By seeking it out where no one else has bothered to look. Even if everyone around you believes that lie, that doesn't make it true. Stand firm in the facts, and hold your head high.

Maria Shriver tweeted the above on 26 October 2021.

Robert Schuller

Robert Harold Schuller (1926–2015) was American pastor, televangelist, motivational speaker, and author. He hosted the weekly “Hour of Power” from 1970 to 2010 when he retired.

Tough times

Tough times never last,
but tough people do.

The quote is also the title of his book published in 1984. Available at https://archive.org/details/toughtimesneverl00schu 244 pages

Failure >< You

Failure doesn't mean you are a failure.
It just means you haven't succeeded yet.

Failure is a setback on our path to success. Maintain a positive attitude learn from mistakes, persevere, making failure not a definition of self, but a temporary setback.

See https://www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings-interpretations/robert-h-schuller-failure-doesnt-mean-you-are-a-failure-it-just-means-you-havent-succeeded-yet

Rod Serling

Rodman Edward Serling (1924 − 1975) was an American screenwriter, playwright, television producer, narrator, and on-screen host. He is perhaps best known for *The Twilight Zone* anthology television series wherein he cloaked scathing social commentary in science fiction. This technique was later adopted by Gene Roddenberry in many versions of *Star Trek* and by Seth MacFarlane in *The Orville*.

Dictatorships Logic Truth

Like the dictatorships before it has one iron rule.
Logic is an enemy and the truth is a menace.

Twilight Zone, Season 2, Episode 29, titled *The Obsolete Man*, written by Serling. First broadcast on June 2, 1961, this episode is often ranked highly on lists of "best" episodes. https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0734667

Greatest Horror

> The greatest horror of war is the fateful transformation of our children into heroes.

From the remake series of *Outer Limits,* Season 2, Episode 18, titled *Light Brigade.* First aired June 23, 1996 and written by Chris Dickie, Leslie Stevens, and Brad Wright.

Citation of the quote and review
https://theouterlimits.fandom.com/wiki/The_Light_Brigade

another review https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0667976/

Prejudice & the Tools of Conquest

> The tools of conquest do not necessarily come with bombs and explosions and fallout. There are weapons that are simply thoughts, attitudes, prejudices to be found only in the minds of men. For the record, prejudices can kill, and suspicion can destroy, and a thoughtless frightened search for a scapegoat has a fallout all of its own for the children, and the children yet unborn. And the pity of it is that these things cannot be confined … to the Twilight Zone.

Original *Twilight Zone,* Season 1, Episode 22, titled *The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street*, written by Serling, and broadcast on March 4, 1960. https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0734664

For Civilization to Survive

> No moral, no message, no prophetic tract, just a simple statement of fact: For civilization to survive, the human race has to remain civilized.

The last line in *The Twilight Zone* (1959) Season 3, Episode 3, titled *The Shelter,* first aired September 29, 1961, and written by Rod Serling one year before the Cuban Missile Crisis, October 1962. This episode is highly recommended.

https://tvtropes.org/pmwiki/pmwiki.php/Recap/TheTwilightZone1959S3E3TheShelter

George Bernard Shaw

Shaw (1856 − 1950) was an Irish playwright, critic, and political activist. He preferred to be called just Bernard Shaw.

The Reasonable Man

> The reasonable man adapts himself to the world. The unreasonable man persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends upon the unreasonable man.

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From his *Maxims for Revolutionists* (1903) about 20 pages, a collection of short thoughts organized under multiple topics. Some topics have one line, others more. Available at https://www.gutenberg.org/cache/epub/26107/pg26107.html

Some have opined Shaw is praising "unreasonable" people in general. Not at all. Shaw is noting that those who participate in creating progress share at least one common motivational attribute: a dissatisfaction with the world, or some part of it. As an example:

In the 1930s handwriting required a pencil or open-nib pen using a bottle of slow drying ink. Paper folded with still-wet ink got smudged. For journalists in the earliest part of WWII this was unacceptable but sadly accepted.

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Like many inventors, Hungarian journalist László Bíró had a flash of insight which ignited an idea that would change the world.

Bíró noticed that the ink used in printed newspapers dried faster than ink from bottle. Why? The newspaper ink was thicker. He invented a closed tip with a ball to distribute that thicker ink. In some countries the now common stick pen is called “A Biro”.

For more see *Ballpoint: A Tale of Genius and Grit, Perilous Times, and the Invention that Changed the Way We Write* (2001) by Hungarian György Moldova 224 pages. Preview is on line at https://books.google.com/books/about/Ballpoint.html?id=OI_Wm_mdWYkC

The True Joy

This is the true joy in life, being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one. Being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy.

I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it what I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

(more)

From his play *Man and Superman* (1903) written in response to those who questioned why he had never written a play based on the Don Juan theme.

Man And Superman, A Comedy And A Philosophy (1903) is available at https://www.gutenberg.org/files/3328/3328-h/3328-h.htm and can generally be viewed in your web browser.

Biggest Single Communications Problem

> The biggest single problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.

The value of what was said or written is greater than who did, or didn't way it. This is generally and wrongly attributed to Shaw who died in 1950. It appears in none of his surviving writings. The below appeared in *Fortune* magazine in the same year.

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LET US RECAPITULATE A BIT: The great enemy of communication, we find, is the illusion of it. We have talked enough; but we have not listened. And by not listening we have failed to concede the immense complexity of our society–and thus the great gaps between ourselves and those with whom we seek understanding. [underlining mine]

From *Is Anybody Listening?* by William H. Whyte in *Fortune* September 1950. Whyte's article encourages improved communication within the business domain. See https://quoteinvestigator.com/2014/08/31/illusion

The article starts on page 77. The quote appears on page 174. See https://www.library.hbs.edu/find/databases/fortune-magazine-archive for cover-to-cover PDFs of Fortune Magazine issues from 1930 to 2000 including covers, advertisements, and all articles.

Walter Lorenzo Sheldon

Also known as "W. L. Sheldon" (1858 – ~ 1907) he was an American lecturer and philosopher. The *Ethical Society* (more below) were a collection of philosophers and logicians who followed 19th-century German philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (see page 697) and knows as as *Hegelian Philosophers*. For a definition and more see https://www.britannica.com/topic/Hegelianism More of Sheldon's writings are linked below.

Nobility / Superior To Self

> There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow men. True nobility lies in being superior to your former self.

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A collection of *Ethical Addresses* included *What to Believe: An Ethical Creed* by W. L. Sheldon, then a Lecturer of the Ethical Society of St. Louis. The quote is at page 61 of *Ethical Addresses* available as a "text stream". It is not formatted, so search for "nothing noble" to find the quote.
https://archive.org/stream/ethicaladdresses04ameruoft/ethicaladdresses04ameruoft_djvu.txt

The quote is often attributed to Hemingway. *Ethical Addresses* was published two years before he was born. In January 1963 *Playboy* magazine published *A Man's Credo* which included the adage. Hemingway's authorship of *Credo* is disputed. Others used the phrase and are sometimes considered the originator. For more see https://quoteinvestigator.com/2017/03/11/superior/

Sheldon also wrote *What Justifies Private Property?* which was read before the society in April, 1893 and published later that year in October. See https://archive.org/details/jstor-2375709 He also wrote *Sketch of the history of the ethical movement* 518 pages released in 1914
https://kingsridgecofc.org/pdf/sketch-of-the-history-of-the-ethical-movement/

John J. Sheridan

A fictional character, Captain John J. Sheridan, Earthforce, was then commander and military governor of *Babylon 5*. Later he would become the first president of the Interstellar Alliance.

So-called leaders

> If more of our so-called leaders would walk the same streets as the people who voted them in, live in the same buildings, eat the same food instead of hiding behind glass and steel and bodyguards maybe we would get better leadership and a little more concern for the future.

The quote is from *Babylon 5*, Season 5, Episode 1, titled *No Compromises,* and written by Joseph Michael Straczynski.

Tara Sillert

American super-duper project manager.

Leading high performers

You want to lead high performers?

Make them feel like they can succeed and ask them what barriers you can help them remove.

See also *Genuinely Appreciated Performers* on page 1039.

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Jeffrey Sinclair

A fictional character, Earthforce Commander Jeffrey David Sinclair was the first commanding officer and military governor of *Babylon 5*, a massive port in space, a place for commerce and diplomacy.

Why the stars?

> Ask ten different scientists about the environment, population control, genetics, and you'll get ten different answers. But there's one thing every scientist on the planet agrees on. Whether it happens in a hundred years or a thousand years or a million years, eventually our Sun will grow cold and go out. When that happens, it won't just take us. It'll take Marilyn Monroe, and Lao-Tzu, and Einstein, and Morobuto, and Buddy Holly, and Aristophanes, and all of this…all of this…was for nothing. Unless we go to the stars.

Babylon 5, Season 1, Episode 4, titled *Infection,* written by *Babylon 5 Universe* creator J. Michael Straczynski.

Upton Sinclair

Upton Sinclair (1878 − 1968) was an American author of over 100 books advocating for health, free speech, temperance, socialism, worker rights, and more.

Understanding influences by salary source

> It is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his salary depends upon his not understanding it.

From Sinclair's book *I, Candidate for Governor: And How I Got Licked*. (1994) available at https://archive.org/details/icandidateforgov0000sinc 288 pages.

Timothy Snyder

Timothy David Snyder (1969 – ?) is an American historian specializing in Central and Eastern Europe, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), and the Holocaust. Author of more than a dozen texts, he is a history professor at Yale University and fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, Austria.

Founders tried to protect us

> The Founding Fathers tried to protect us from the threat they knew, the tyranny that overcame ancient democracy. Today, our political order faces new threats, not unlike the totalitarianism of the twentieth century. We are no wiser than the Europeans who saw democracy yield to fascism, Nazism, or communism. Our one advantage is that we might learn from their experience. [underlining mine]

from his *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century* (2017)

On Tyranny

Stand out
Investigate
Be a patriot
Believe in truth
Defend institutions
Establish a private life
Do not obey in advance
Be kind to our language
Practice corporeal politics
Listen for dangerous words
Be wary of paramilitaries
Beware the one-party state

(bolding mine)(more)

Be as courageous as you can
Remember professional ethics
Make eye contact and small talk
Be reflective if you must be armed
Learn from peers in other countries
Be calm when the unthinkable arrives

Take responsibility
for the face of the world

ibid. [Bolding & large font line is mine]
More information: *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*
Amazon search for item 0804190119 that is zero 8 zero 419 zero 119

Money & Speech

> The odd American idea that giving money to political campaigns is free speech means that the very rich have far more speech, and so in effect far more voting power, than other citizens.

ibid.

Post-Truth is Pre-Fascism

It is impossible to read aphorisms like ‘post-truth is pre-fascism’ and not feel a small chill about the current state of the Republic. . . . Approach this short book the same you would a medical pamphlet warning about an infectious disease.

Read it carefully and be on the lookout for symptoms.

The New York Times Book Review of Snyder's *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century* (2017) by Daniel W. Drezner.

Susan Sontag

Susan Lee Sontag (1933 − 2004) was an American philosopher, political activist, and author of essays and novels.

Courage contagious

Courage is as contagious as fear.

Quoted in an article *Susan Sontag on Moral Courage and the Power of Principled Resistance to Injustice* in *The Marginalian* December 5, 2012.

Spock

A fictional character in the *Star Trek Universe*, Spock was a Vulcan serving the Federation as first officer and science officer aboard the *USS Enterprise* (NCC-1701, no bloody A, B, C, or D). He was a main character in the original series, main character in the first several movies, and appeared in many spin-offs over decades.

Insufficient Facts Danger

Insufficient facts always invite danger.

Star Trek, Season 1, Episode 22, titled *Space Seed* (1968), based on a story by Carey Wilber, teleplay by Wilber and Gene L. Coon.

Logic Beginning of Wisdom

Logic is the beginning of wisdom, not the end.

Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (1991). The whole quote is “Logic is the beginning of wisdom, Valeris, not the end.”

Story by Leonard Nimoy, Lawrence Konner, and Mark Rosenthal. Screenplay by Nicholas Meyer and Denny Martin Flinn.

Change is essential

Change is the essential process of all existence.

Star Trek, Season 3, Episode 15, titled *Let That Be Your Last Battlefield* (1969), story by Gene L. Coon (using his pen name "Lee Cronin") with Arthur H. Singer as a story consultant.

Teleplay by Oliver Crawford.

Cosmic History

As a matter of cosmic history,
it has always been easier to destroy
than to create.

Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan (1982) during a discussion of the morality of the Genesis Project.

Written by Harve Bennett and Jack B. Sowards.

After a time

After a time, you may find that having is not so pleasing a thing after all as wanting. It is not logical, but it is often true.

Spock to T'Pring in *Star Trek,* Season 2, Episode 1, titled *Amok Time* (1967), written by Gene Roddenberry and Theodore Sturgeon.

Evil Requires Followers

Without followers, evil cannot spread.

Star Trek, Season 3, Episode 4, titled *And the Children Shall Lead,* written by Edward J. Lakso with Arthur H. Singer.

One Thing Is Certain

One thing is certain.
We cannot escape on auxiliary power.

While being pursued by Khan commanding the hijacked *USS Reliant* during *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan* (1982). Written by Harve Bennett and Jack B. Sowards.

Spock & Kirk

One Summons the Future

Spock: One man cannot summon the future.
Kirk: But one man can change the present.

This “Spock” is native to an alternate universe. Kirk was in that alternate universe by accident and is in the process of leaving.

From the *Star Trek Universe* in *Star Trek – The Original Series,* Season 2, Episode 4, titled *Mirror Mirror* (1967). Written by Gene Roddenberry and Jerome Bixby.

Howard Stark

A fictional character in the *Marvel Cinematic Universe* (MCU) Howard is the father of Anthony "Tony" Stark who would be *Iron Man*. Howard died while Tony was young. Adult Tony time traveled and met Howard at a time just before Tony would be born. Tony told Howard one of the things his father (that is Tony's father - Howard*) had taught him.

Money & Time

No amount of money
ever bought a second of time.

See https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0qqCGPm7nc from *Avengers Endgame* (2019), screenplay by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely. Writer credits were given for developing many characters before the movie. [* That created a paradox: Howard learned it from Tony so *who said it first*? Time travel … what a concept!]

Dr. Suess

Theodore Geisel (1904 − 1991) adopted the nom-de-plume for his 60+ books for children.

Being odd #1

You have to be odd to be number one.

Reportedly a spontaneous quip without specific attribution. He often bathed a negative in a positive illumination. See also *Tacky the Penguin* (1988) by Helen Lester (1936 − ?), a great read for those who don't want to follow the pack. *Tacky* has been reprinted in over 50 editions! I had to the good fortune to have Miss Doughty as my second grade teacher where she sang to us while playing the guitar. I reconnected with her in late 2023 and she remembers me "a sharp cookie with a huge sense of humor." (me?) *Tacky*, including illustrations, is available on line at https://archive.org/details/tackypenguin00lest

Walter Sullivan

is a fictional businessman engaging a contract killer for revenge on the person he erroneously believes killed his wife. The killer does not want wait for location information. Sullivan convinces him to wait. The killer compliments Sullivan on his sales skills. Sullivan replies with a short line that is all too true for humanity.

Selling sin

Selling sin is easy.

From the movie *Absolute Power* (1977) written by David Baldacci and William Goldman, spoken by E. G. Marshall, and directed by Clint Eastwood. Found at www.imdb.com/title/tt0118548

Surak

A fictional character in the *Star Trek Universe*, Surak was a revered philosopher credited with moving the Vulcan planetary culture to logic from perpetual and violent conflict.

We have differences

I am pleased to see that we have differences.
May we together become greater than the sum of both of us.

Spoken by a recreated Surak in *Star Trek,* Season 3, Episode 22, titled *The Savage Curtain.* Story by Gene Roddenberry and Arthur H. Singer (story consultant). Teleplay by Gene Roddenberry and Arthur Heinemann.

Dorothy Thompson

Dorothy Thompson (1893-1961) was an American journalist and radio broadcaster who, in 1934, was the first American journalist to be expelled from Nazi Germany.

She also wrote *The Chartists: Popular Politics in the Industrial Revolution* (1984) about the 19th century British political movement, its development, and its failure. Available at https://archive.org/details/chartistspopular0000thom_c9t3
420 pages

Her political impact was often compared to Eleanor Roosevelt.

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Persistent/truth/analyze

> There is nothing to fear except the persistent refusal to find out the truth, the persistent refusal to analyze the causes of happenings.

Peace <> Absence of Conflict

> Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict - alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence.

Both quotes are widely attributed to Dorothy Thompson, but no specific source could be found to cite.

Robert Thorne

Fictional character Robert Thorne is a police detective in dystopian 2022 when life in New York City is pretty dismal. The few surviving trees are kept in tents to protect them. The masses are generally unemployed, sleep on staircases etc. The primary source of food are crackers from Soylent Corporation. The crackers come in different colors with different formulations.

It is a sad potential future when we didn't take actions when they could have been effective on climate change.

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Soylent Green

Thorne discovers that the green crackers are recycled human dead. Wounded, being carted away, he cries out his discovery.

Soylent Green is People!

From the movie *Soylent Green* (1973) written by Stanley R. Greenberg and Harry Harrison. See Charlton Heston say the line at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4UPDUpjkHg0 The movie was based on the book *Make Room! Make Room!* (1966) by Harry Harrison. It is available as a PDF https://ia902607.us.archive.org/22/items/harry-harrison/Harry%20Harrison%20-%20Novel%2002%20-%20Make%20Room21%20Make%20Room%21%20%28Soylent%20Green%29%20%28retail%29.pdf

The book and movie are not identical. Both are recommended.

Leo Tolstoy

Count Lev Nikolayevich Tolstoy (1828 − 1910) was a Russian writer widely regarded as one of the greatest authors of all time.

He received nominations for the Nobel Prize in Literature every year from 1902 to 1906 and was nominated three times for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1901, 1902, and 1909.

On Pain

> If you feel pain, you're alive.
> If you feel other people's pain, you're a human being.

Widely attributed to Tolstoy, but no specific source could be found to cite.

Benefit of Humanity

> I am grown to maturity, and the season of development is going, or gone, and I am tortured with a hunger … not for fame — I have no desire for fame; I despise it — but for acquiring great influence in the direction of the happiness and benefit of humanity.

from his book *The Diaries Of Leo Tolstoy : Youth (1827-1852)*
https://archive.org/details/diariesofleotols00tols 304 pages

T'Plana-Hath

A fictional character in the *Star Trek Universe*, she was an ancient Vulcan known as “Matron of Vulcan Philosophy”.

Logic vs Chaos

Logic is the cement of our civilization,
with which we ascend from chaos,
using reason as our guide.

From *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* (1986), story by Leonard Nimoy and Harve Bennett. Two teams did the screenplay: Steve Meerson & Peter Krikes then Harve Bennett & Nicholas Meyer. Quoted also in *Star Trek: Enterprise,* Season 4, Episode 7, titled *The Forge* (2004), written by Garfield Reeves-Stevens and Judith Reeves-Stevens.

Allan Trumbull

A fictional character appearing the ... *Has Fallen* series of movies first appearing as vice president of the United States.

Dangerous World / Engagement

> There are those who will say this would never have happened if we had minded our own business. Nothing could be further from the truth. Frankly, we live in a dangerous world and we have few good options. But the worst option is to do nothing. And finally, we owe it to our children and their children to engage in the world.

From speech at the end of *London Has Fallen* (2016). Screenplay by Creighton Rothenberger, Katrin Benedikt, and Christian Gudegast.

Charles Tucker

Commander Charles 'Trip' Tucker III is a fictional character in the *Star Trek Universe* created by Gene Roddenberry.

Commander Tucker was serving as chief engineer on the first starship *Enterprise* (NX-01). Because it was first vessel capable of warp 5 many adjustments were required. Trip was very able, very practical, and wise. This was a conversation with Sub-Commander T'Pol, a Vulcan then serving as science officer of the *Enterprise*.

The quote (on the next page) is from *Star Trek: Enterprise,* Season 2, Episode 15, titled *Cease Fir*e, written by Chris Black, and first aired February 12, 2003.

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Flame Retardant

Tucker: I don't like pushing the engines this hard. The injectors are running 110 percent.

T'Pol: They're rated for 120.

Tucker:

**Yeah, and my underwear is flame-retardant.
That doesn't mean I'm gonna
light myself on fire to prove it.**

Mark Twain

Was the pen name of Samuel Langhorne Clemens (1835 − 1910) an American writer, humorist, and lecturer. He has been praised as the “greatest humorist the United States has produced”.

William Faulkner called him “the father of American literature”.

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Age/Mind/Matter

Age is an issue of mind over matter.
If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Often attributed to Twain but could not be found in his surviving writings. Two newspapers printed it in June and July 1968 and other papers printed it later as a filler item. One citation: July 11, 1968 *Schenectady Gazette* of New York in an article titled *Researchers Say Heredity Affects Aging*, page 38, column 3. See https://quoteinvestigator.com/2012/12/18/age-mind/

Telling the Truth

If you tell the truth,
you don't have to remember anything.

From *Twain's Notebook, 1894* and found in *Mark Twain's Notebook* (1935, 2nd edition) prepared by Albert Bigelow Paine. See page 240 available on line at https://archive.org/details/MarkTwainsNotebook

Self-Suppressing Unpopular Opinion

> We suppress an unpopular opinion because we cannot afford the bitter cost of putting it forth. None of us likes to be hated, none us us likes to be shunned.

From the *Privilege of the Grave* (1905), a short essay found on page 56 of the book *Who is Mark Twain?* (2009), which is a collection of 26 previously unpublished essays by Samuel Langhorne Clemens. on line at https://archive.org/details/whoismarktwain0000twai

Mike Tyson

Michael Gerard Tyson (1966 – ?) was, from 1985 to 2005, an American professional boxer with nicknames including *Iron Mike* and *The Baddest Man on the Planet*. He is considered one of the greatest heavyweight boxers in American history.

Mouth Punch

Everybody has a plan
until they get punched in the mouth.

Tyson in response to a question about his planned fight with Evander Holyfield scheduled for October 1987. In August 1987 Associated Press had the quote ending with "... get hit for the first time", but the "mouth" version is a more popular adaptation.

Unknown

Paradox of Time

None of has enough.
We each have all there is.

This has been said in many ways by many people. As I get closer to the end it refers to my daily to-do list (which takes longer as I get less efficient), the time I have remaining (an unknown), and the conflict between what I want to do and what needs to be done.

If you don't recognize the paradox, your mind can get tied up trying to reconcile the parts. Fer-gedda-boud-it. They won't change, but you can.

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Accept the paradox will remain unresolved and work on some from all categories accepting that schedules will have to be juggled as the universe throws you curve and screw balls. Plan to mow the law? The universe will tell you no with rain. Plan to fix something after dinner? An indispensable part isn't in your stacks of stuff and it is too late to go to a hardware store.

For these anger is a waste of energy. Keep of list of what needs doing in priority order and if you can't address the top, shift to something in the middle. As long as something gets done (naps count as something) you are doing the best you can with what you've got. Sometimes that means warp speed. Sometimes that means just muddling along.

Whatever you do it will better than yelling at the rain.

Not the shots

It isn't the number of shots.
It is the number of hits.

Spoken by many marksmanship instructors.

The concept has wide application including:

It isn't the snappiness of the presentation that counts. It is the communication of information and what it means. (Think death by PowerPoint)

Anonymity & Contempt

Anonymity Breeds Contempt - People will say hateful things anonymously that with attribution they would not.

No direct citation was found. It may have appeared in the internet age as a variant from St. Augustine in the 5th century who said:

vulgare proverbium est quod nimia familiaritas parid contemptum
It is a popular proverb that excessive familiarity breeds contempt

A similar version of the familiarity and contempt can be found in *Aesop's Fables*, *The Fox and the Lion*, circa 550 BC. Available at https://archive.org/details/greatillustrated00aeso an illustrated version with many stories.

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Mark Twain appended two words to give an enhanced meaning *Familiarity breeds contempt – and children*.

He may also have said: *The reason we hold truth in such respect is because we have so little opportunity to get familiar with it.*

Also related: *We value least the things which are most familiar.*

New Info? Change mind

Changing your mind when presented with new information is a sign of intelligence.

Grounding

My son has been eating electrical cords.
What should I do?

Ground him until he conducts himself properly.

Ashes to Bust

A probably apocryphal brief prayer in navies of old. It was used to commemorate the retirement of equipment, a new addition to Davy Jones' locker, also called *consignment to the briny deep*.

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust.
This thing is broken, it's really bust!

(and over the side it went!)

Today we'd probably call that pollution.

100% track record

I like to remind myself
that my track record for
getting through bad days is
100%
and that's pretty good.

Similar to Bukowski on page 604. The quote appears in many places without attribution. Every citation I found was “unknown”.

Paraprosdokians

Collected over the years. Not sure who created these.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Since light travels faster than sound,
some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up. We only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right, only who is left.

(more)

Steal ideas from one person? *Plagiarism*. From many? *Research*.

I said I was blaming you. I didn't say it was your fault.

When asked “In case of an emergency, notify...” answer “a doctor”.

You do not need a parachute to skydive.
You do need one to skydive a second time.

I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

Going to <church, mosque, synagogue, etc.> doesn't make you a < Catholic, Christian, Islamic, Jewish, etc.>, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder for me to find someone older than me. [this is becoming more true every day]

V

is a fictional character in the movie *V for Vendetta* (2005) written by Lilly Wachowski, Lana Wachowski, and David Lloyd and based on Alan Moore's graphic novels as illustrated by David Lloyd and Tony Weare.

People/Fear/Government

People shouldn't be afraid of their government.
Governments should be afraid of their people.

From the book of graphic novels *V for Vendetta* by Alan Moore and David Lloyd (Illustrator) 2008 paperback version. The graphic novels were published from 1982 to 1985. The movie was released in 2005.

Leon Vance

Is a fictional character in the long running television series *NCIS* where he served as the director.

Role of Historian

The purpose of a historian is to insure that collective knowledge is preserved for future generations.

Adapted from *NCIS*, Season 16, Episode 17, titled *Silent Service,* written by Scott J. Jarrett, and first aired March 26, 2019.

This tome is presented to further the mission of such historians and preserving at least a part of our collective knowledge for ourselves and our posterity.

Voltaire

Voltaire was the pen name of François-Marie Arouet (1694 − 1778), a French writer, philosopher and historian.

Absurdities - Atrocities

Those who can make you believe absurdities,
can make you commit atrocities.

The translation is imprecise, but the meaning is consonant with Voltaire's work *Collection des Lettres sur les Miracles (*1765). In English: *Collection of Letters on Miracles.* See "Letter #11"

Freeing Fools

It is difficult to free fools from the chains they revere.

The quote by François-Marie Arouet (Voltaire) was recorded in notes taken during the third of several interviews over meals with the Comte de Boulainvilliers (1767). Henri de Boulainvilliers was a French nobleman, writer and historian. The first interview is on line at http://www.Societe-Voltaire.org/d3-diner-1.php Alas, not the others.

Analysis: This quote encapsulates the immense challenge of liberating individuals from their own ignorance and the beliefs they hold dearly, even if they are misguided. The essence of this statement resides in the realization that some people become so entrenched in their ignorance that it becomes a form of self-imposed captivity, hindering their ability to think critically and embrace change. (more)

At its core, Voltaire's quote emphasizes the vast difficulty in changing the minds of those who cling fiercely to irrational or ill-informed ideas. Such individuals may possess convictions that are founded in ignorance, irrationality, or even prejudice, yet they defend these beliefs with fervor, often resisting any attempts to challenge or question them. It is as though these individuals have willingly enslaved themselves to their own ignorance, preferring the comfort of unexamined beliefs to the discomfort of confronting a different reality.

From the https://www.socratic-method.com/quote-meanings-french/Voltaire-it-is-difficult-to-free-fools-from-the-chains-they-revere

Injustices > Independence

Injustice in the end produces independence.

From Voltaire's *Tancrede* (1760) in Act III, Scene 2.

Henry Wallace

Henry Agard Wallace (1888 − 1965) was an American journalist, farmer, businessman, and politician who served the United States as the 10th Secretary of Commerce, the 11th Secretary of Agriculture, and the 33rd vice president.

A fascist is

> A fascist is one whose lust for money or power is combined with such an intensity of intolerance toward those of other races, parties, classes, religions, cultures, regions or nations as to make him ruthless in his use of deceit or other violence to attain his ends.

American Fascism was published in the *New York Times*, 1944.

William Wallace

Sir William Wallace (circa 1270 to 1305) was a Scottish knight, one of the leaders against Great Britain during the First War of Scottish Independence. He was appointed a *Guardian of Scotland* until the defeat at the Battle of Falkirk in 1298.

All die - Some live

> Every man dies. Not every man really lives.

Often attributed to William Wallace, the line may have been written by William Ross Wallace (1819 − 1891), an American poet of Scottish ancestry. The line was spoken by Mel Gibson as William Wallace in the movie *Braveheart* (1995).

Jennifer Walters

Is a fictional character, a cousin of Bruce Banner, *the Hulk*, as in "you wouldn't like me when I'm angry". Together they were in a car crash some blood was transferred. Now Jennifer, with proper stimulus, can turn into a well muscled *She-Hulk*. Walters is an attorney hence *She-Hulk, Attorney At Law.*

The quote is from *She-Hulk: Attorney at Law*, Season 1, Episode 1, titled *A Normal Amount of Rage*, first aired August 19, 2022, written by series creator Jessica Gao. See https://www.imdb.com/title/tt11261206/quotes

Responsibility of Power

What is the responsibility of those with power? Do they merely have an obligation to refrain from the misuse of that power? Or do they have a duty to protect those without it? The defendant used their limitless resources, political and monetary, for financial gain at the expense of public safety, causing the deaths of innocent people. They did this because they believed they would not be held accountable. That their power shielded them from very real consequences. But today, you, the jury, can prove that's not the case. **Show them that they will be held accountable, because those with the most power have the most to answer for**.

Christian Ward

A fictional character in Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. as United States Senator Ward was addressing a group of dignitaries.

Evil next to your heart << H3

When evil sits next to one's own heart,
that is when the surest hand must cut it out.

Said in Season 2, Episode 6, titled *A Fractured House*, first aired October 28, 2014, and written by Rafe Judkins and Lauren LeFranc. There are multiple possible meanings. I take it to mean that sometimes, when evil is near your heart, someone more skilled than you should cut the evil out.

Mike Warot

Mike Warot (1963 − ?) grew up in the Calumet Region of Northwest Indiana, and prides himself on being a *Region Rat*.

Itsy Bitsy's name

> Sisyphus the spider went up the drainage spout.
> Down came the rain, and washed the critter out.
> Out came the sun, and dried up all the rain.
> So Sisyphus the spider went up the drain again.

The original and some variants can be found in *Camp and camino in Lower California; a record of the adventures of the author while exploring peninsular California, Mexico* by Arthur Walbridge North (1910). Available at the Internet Archive: https://archive.org/details/campcaminoinlowe00nort

Booker T. Washington

Booker Taliaferro Washington (1856 − 1915) was an American educator, author, orator, and adviser to multiple presidents.

Egotism dulls stupidity

Egotism is the anesthetic
that dulls the pain of stupidity.

Widely attributed to Booker T. Washington and, later, to Francis William Leahy (1908 − 1973) an American football player, coach, and professional sports executive.

Alan Watts

Alan Wilson Watts (1915 − 1973) was an English writer and speaker. He also interpreted the traditions of Buddhist, Taoist, and Hindu philosophies for a more Western audience.

Be Curious not Fearful

> By replacing fear of the unknown with curiosity we open ourselves up to an infinite stream of possibility. We can let fear rule our lives or we can become childlike with curiosity, pushing our boundaries, leaping out of our comfort zones, and accepting what life puts before us.

Generally attributed to Watts with the first sentence being used by many.

Alexander Waugh

Alexander Evelyn Michael Waugh (1963 − 2024) was an English writer, critic, and journalist.

Essence of Journalism

> The essence of journalism is that it should stimulate its readers for a moment, possibly open their minds to some alternative perception of events, and then be thrown away, with all its clever conundrums, its prophecies and comminations, in the great wastepaper basket of history.

(more)

The quote appears on page 4 of his *Fathers and Sons: The Autobiography of a Family* (2004) on line at https://archive.org/details/fatherssonsautob0000waug

commination is a threatening, denunciation; a threat of punishment or vengeance. See also the *Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England* per https://www.wordnik.com/words/commination

Mr. Waugh's obituary
https://evelynwaughsociety.org/2024/alexander-waugh-times-newspaper-obituary/

Dr. Who

The Doctor is the lead character in a British science fiction television series of the same name and first aired in 1963. The series depicts adventures of an extraterrestrial humanoid of the Time Lord species. When the character "dies" they are regenerated into a new character. This quote is from the 12th Doctor near the end of his duration.

The quote on the next page is from the series in Season 11, Episode 0 (zero), titled *Twice Upon A Time*, first aired December 25, 2017, and written by Steven Moffat.

The Twelfth Doctor knew he was going to die (and be regenerated) and said those words enunciating his entire purpose. To eradicate cruelty and hate by fighting monsters, to be brave in the face of fear, but above all he wants someone to retain the innate generosity of the Time Lords' spirit and give it away often.

Kindness Above Everything

Never be cruel
Never be cowardly …
Remember
Hate is always foolish
Love is always wise
Always try to be nice
But never fail to be kind.

Elie Wiesel

Eliezer Wiesel (1928 − 2016) was a Romanian-born American author, teacher, and activist. He survived the Auschwitz and Buchenwald camps and received the 1986 Nobel Peace Prize.

We Must Take Sides

> We must take sides. *Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim.* Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must - at that moment - become the center of the universe.

From his *The Night Trilogy: Night, Dawn,* and *The Accident.*

Oscar Wilde

Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde (1854 − 1900) was an Irish poet and a highly popular playwright in early 1890s London.

Immoral Books

The books that the world calls immoral
are the books that show the world its own shame.

From Oscar Wilde's book *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1890) near the end of Chapter 19. The full book is on line without charge at

https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/doriangray/full-text/

Imitation & Flattery

> Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery
> that mediocrity can pay to greatness.

Those 13 words are generally attributed to Wilde. No specific citation was found so the attribution is questioned. Others certainly had similar words and long before Wilde.

"Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" can be found in *Lacon: or Many Things in Few Words; Addressed to Those Who Think* by Charles Caleb Colton (1837, 17 years before Wilde was born) see CCXVII (217) on page 120 of the 497 pages available at https://archive.org/details/laconormanythin11coltgoog

(more)

Wilde may also have been influenced by Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (see page 88) who wrote:

> You should consider that Imitation is the most acceptable part of Worship, and that the Gods had much rather Mankind should Resemble, than Flatter them.

From the book *Emperor Marcus Antoninus his conversation with himself* (printed 1701) by Jeremy Collier and André Dacier. 456 pages long the book is available from https://archive.org/details/emperormarcusant01marc

Simon Wilder

A fictional character in the movie *With Honors* (1994), written by Ian Astbury and Billy Duffy. Simon was played by Joe Pesci.

President / King & Beauty / Wisdom

(Simon responding to a Harvard law class professor)

> The beauty of the Constitution is that it can always be changed. The beauty of the Constitution is that it makes no set law other than faith in the wisdom of ordinary people to govern themselves.

(more)

Our “founding parents” were pompous, white, middle-aged farmers, but they were also great men. Because they knew one thing that all great men should know: that they didn't know everything. Sure, they'd make mistakes, but they made sure to leave a way to correct them. The president is not an “elected king,” no matter how many bombs he can drop. Because the “crude” Constitution doesn't trust him. He's just a bum … [underlining mine]

quote at https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0111732/characters/nm0000582

3 minute video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bitPep8Gjz8

[me: The more I know the more I know I don’t know!]

Dave Willis

Dave Willis (1970 − ?) is an American voice actor, writer, animator, producer, and musician.

Show Respect

> Show respect even to people who don't deserve it; not as a reflection of their character, but as a reflection of yours.

From his book *The Naked Marriage: Undressing the truth about sex, intimacy and lifelong love* (2019 paperbook version).

Charles Wiseman

Almost nothing about this Charles Wiseman could be found. That he was a notary public and translator (Spanish, French, English, Italian, and Portuguese) is known only because those appear next to his name in the book's title pages.

A Good Author

Also *good teacher* (see next page)

A good author is like a candle -
it consumes itself to light the way for others.

The actual quote was *Like a candle which lights others, and burns out itself, i.e. an author* ... and presented in his *A Complete English Grammar on a New Plan* (1764). (more)

The quote is on page 383 among a collection of over 30 similes. The whole book is on line at https://books.google.com/books/about/A_Complete_English_Grammar_on_a_New_Plan.html

Good Teacher - One popular variant refers to not to a candle, but a *good teacher*. The earliest record of that is by Sir Edward George Earle Lytton Bulwer-Lytton, (1803 − 1873), the 1st Baron Lytton, who was an English politician and prolific writer. The quote appears in his *My Novel; Or, Varieties in English Life* (1852). The character labeled the variant as an Italian proverb. The book is in a collection titled *Rienzi, the Last of the Tribunes* and the quote appears on page 106 at https://books.google.com/books?id=zfQtAAAAYAAJ (caution: the collection has several "page 106". Search for "106" and the last one (see the marker bar at the right) is the one in *Varieties*). See also https://quoteinvestigator.com/2018/05/13/teacher

William Wright

Reverend Wright (1837 − 1899) was a missionary and author. See his biography at https://www.dib.ie/biography/wright-william-a9137

Evidence & Absence

Absence of evidence
is not
evidence of absence.

(more)

Reverend Wright authored a paper in 1888 wherein he wrote *the absence of evidence is not evidence*. The phrase has evolved over time to be what is cited above. See page numbered 59 https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=hvd.32044090845264&seq=87 Interestingly, Reverend Wright's 1884 *The Empire of the Hittites* https://archive.org/details/empireofhittites0000wrig lacks this phrase.

It is important to remember this phrase when facing appeals to ignorance mixing impatience with ambiguity. The phrase was cited by Carl Sagan in "Appeal to ignorance—the claim that whatever has not been proved false must be true, and vice versa (e.g., There is no compelling evidence that UFOs are not visiting the Earth; therefore UFOs exist—and there is intelligent life elsewhere in the Universe. … This impatience with ambiguity can be criticized in the phrase: absence of evidence is not evidence of absence." [underlining mine] See page numbered 200 at https://archive.org/details/B-001-001-709 See also ECREE on page 482.

Henry Wu

Dr. Wu is a fictional character, a genetic engineer who, in the 20th Century, reintroduced multiple species of dinosaur in the first *Jurassic Park* (1993) movie.

Monster is a Relative Term

Monster is a relative term.
To a canary, a cat is a monster.
We're just used to being the cat.

From *Jurassic World* (2015) based on the characters created by Michael Crichton in his book *Jurassic Park*.

W. B. Yeats

Born in Ireland, William Butler Yeats (1865 − 1939) was a great 20th century poet and received the 1923 Nobel Prize for Literature.

Second Coming

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

Opening of *The Second Coming* (1919) by William Butler Yeats
https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43290/the-second-coming

Never stop seeking

Never stop seeking what seems unobtainable.

This is the meaning of his poem *The Song of Wandering Aengus* (pronounced *angus*), first published in his book *The Wind Among the Reeds* (1899). *Aengus* is available at https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/55687/the-song-of-wandering-aengus The 126 pages of *Wind* are available at https://archive.org/details/windamongreeds00yeat

Used in *Star Trek Enterprise*, Season 1, Episode 18, titled *Rogue Planet*, story and teleplay written by Chris Black, first aired March 20, 2002, spoken by Stephanie Lynne Niznik as *The Wraith*. The six word meaning is akin to the ending of *Ulysses* (see page 502), written 66 years earlier. For just five words see the notes to *Ulysses*. See also Edison's *So Close* on page 379.

Yoda

Yoda is a fictional character in the *Star Wars Universe*, a Jedi Master, over 800 years old, and perhaps the wisest entity ever connected to the Force.

Fear is Path to the Dark Side

Ignorance leads to fear.
Fear leads to anger.
Anger leads to hate.
Hate leads to suffering.

(more)

Star Wars: Episode I – The Phantom Menace (1999) was written and directed by George Lucas. Several Jedi Masters were speaking to a young Anakin Skywalker about his feelings. Yoda speaks those last three lines. More from Yoda https://parade.com/943548/parade/Yoda-Quotes/

The first line is paraphrased "Fear always springs from ignorance" from Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803–1882) in *The American Scholar. Scholar* was first presented as a speech before the Phi Beta Kappa Society on August 31, 1837. A summery, commentary, and the entire speech is available on line at https://emersoncentral.com/texts/nature-addresses-lectures/addresses/the-american-scholar/ [I joined Yoda and Emerson]

Emerson argues that the American scholar should strive to be independent, self-reliant, and guided by their own intuition and judgment and reject the European tradition of blindly accepting authority and instead seek to embrace new ideas and perspectives. Emerson was a champion of individualism and critical thinking.

Knowledge Lights Our Way

In a dark place we find ourselves,
and a little more knowledge lights our way.

From *Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith* (2005), written by George Lucas, John Ostrander, and Jan Duursema.

Yoda said this to Obi Wan Kenobi while traveling to Coruscant to uncover what has happened in the Jedi Temple.

Young & Mulready

From a television series that aired from 1999 to 2006, the *West Wing* showed the inner and public workings of a fictional presidency. This exchange is from Season 5, Episode 17, titled *The Supremes* written by Aaron Sorkin, Debora Cahn, and Josh Singer.

Grading vs Affirmative Action

This was an exchange between two fictional characters, Charles "Charlie" Young (CY), a personal assistant to the president and Judge Christopher Mulready (CM), a potential candidate for the Supreme Court.

(see next page)

CM: So why a racial preference and not an economic one?
CY: Because affirmative action is about a legacy of racial oppression.

CM: It's about compromising admission standards.
CY: That's bull. Excuse me. It's about leveling the playing field after 300 years ...

CM: See, this is where the liberal argument goes off the tracks. You get stuck in the past. Now, you want to come back at me with:

> "Grading is based on past performance, but admissions should be based on potential, on how a candidate may thrive with this sort of opportunity, and studies show that affirmative action admits have a higher predisposition to contribute to society."

CY: Hang on, I've gotta write this down.

Emiliano Zapata

Emiliano Zapata Salazar (1879 − 1919) was a leading figure in the Mexican Revolution (1910 − 1920) and died by assassination.

Feet For Freedom

I'd rather die on my feet, than live on my knees.

The original was in Spanish: *Prefiero morir de pie que vivir de rodillas*. In the broader context he said it was better to die standing while fighting for freedom than to live on one's knees in servitude under the dictator. The quote appears in *Liberation Theologies in North America and Europe* (1979) by Gerald H. Anderson and Thomas F. Stransky, page 281.

(more)

It is misattributed to many including Che Guevara, Dolores Ibárruri (La Pasionaria), José Martí, and others.

Zapata may have been influenced by quotes as far back as 500 BC. See Aeschylus, an ancient Greek on page 77.

Also similar:

Better that we should die on our feet
rather than live on our knees

words spoken by François-Noël Gracchus Babeuf (1760 − 1797) during his defense before his death by guillotine during the French Revolution. His crime was to lead a failed coup, *The Conspiracy of the Equals,* in May 1796.

Frank Zappa

For over three decades Frank Vincent Zappa (1940 − 1993) was an American musician, composer, bandleader, and social commentator.

Illusion of Freedom

> The illusion of freedom will continue as long as it's profitable to continue the illusion. At the point where the illusion becomes too expensive to maintain, they will just take down the scenery, they will pull back the curtains, they will move the tables and chairs out of the way and you will see the brick wall at the back of the theater.

Nuggets (now defunct) printed a transcript of an on-air interview with Jim Ladd in their April 1977 edition. The transcript is also at (link active as of 4/12/2024) https://www.afka.net/Articles/1977-04_Nuggets.htm

Politics / Entertainment Division

The popular version is

Politics is the entertainment division
of the military-industrial complex.

In *The Real Frank Zappa Book* (1989) he wrote on page 322 (near the bottom):

Politics is the
entertainment division of industry.

See also page 320. The book is available on line at
https://archive.org/details/realfrankzappabo0000zapp_s4p0

Zig Ziglar

Hilary Hinton Ziglar (1926 − 2012) was an American author and popular motivational speaker.

Mind Garbage

> The person who dumps garbage into your mind will do you considerably more harm than the person who dumps garbage on your floor, because each load of mind garbage negatively impacts your possibilities and lowers your expectations.

From his book *See You at the Top* (2010) page 229.

Nathan Zohner

(see note below)

Zohnerism

In 1997 14-year-old Nathan Zohner got 43 out of 50 students in 9th grade to vote in favor of banning dihydrogen monoxide. Six were undecided. One recognized that 'dihydrogen monoxide' was water.

His science fair project was titled *How Gullible Are We?* He won and inspired the term *Zohnerisn* as defined as ***the use of a "fact", true or not, to lead the scientifically ignorant to a false conclusion***.

Note: Probably not true about Zohner, but providing false facts that lead ignorant people to false conclusions occurs with sad frequency.
https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/dangers-dihydrogen-monoxide/

Jonathan Jaffe

Eclectic Bunches Of Who Said What Over the Millennia is a collection of significant quotes from the far past, recent past, and present day. They are for thought provocation, life guidance, and enhance your ability to see history in the actions of today.

They were collected over half a century by Jonathan E. Jaffe, CPA, HS, CA, BS, MS, creator of a dozen granted US and international patents, companion of canines, barely passable chef, terrible gardener, dilettante of many trades, but master of none. In his senior years he is becoming more integrated with varieties of plastic, carbon fiber, and titanium parts while being decorated with Nature's Artwork … scars.

If you know who wrote any of the below please send me a citation!

80:80 Rule

The first 80% of the work takes 80% of the time.
The remaining 20% takes another 80% of time.

The *80:20 Rule*, also known as *Pareto's Law,* is a statistical guide that states that 80% of outcomes result from 20% of causes.

Bliss vs Power

If you don't know that you don't know
there is bliss

If you know that you don't know
there is fear of the unknown

the acquisition of knowledge overcomes that fear and the power to better deal with the other fearful things.

Candles – relighting

Once snuffed,
a candle will not re-light itself.

Thus it is better to bring people up
than to tear them down.

Keeping Your Temper

The best reason for keeping your temper may be
no one else wants it!

Can & Should, Corollary

On page 858 Colleen Patrick-Goudreau wrote:

> Just because we can does not mean we should.

My corollary:

> Just because we should does not mean we can.

Chaos to Darkness

Chaos brings only darkness.

Soval, a fictional character, was Vulcan's ambassador to the Federation during the time of *Star Trek: Enterprise*. He may have said it, but no attribution was found.

Common Ox

> “Common Sense” is an oxymoron. If sense were common would we be in half the trouble we are in now?

Me, about the time of the Chicago riots, three days in April 1968 when news was pre-empting all other local television. My parents looked at me like I had an Uncle Martin. I was not even 12.

Compromised Information

The worst thing about
compromised personal information
is its growing acceptance
as commonplace.

Courage vs Risk / Moral

Moral Courage Requires Moral Risk

There is considerable writing on the desirability and difficulties of moral courage. None have this succinct five word summary that includes the risk. Simply put: if there is no hazard to moral courage everyone would do it. The risk, potentially rising to fatal, is what gives humans hesitation. Overcoming that hesitation can be cognitive in nature or emotional. The latter is faster.

This includes why people who have large investments at risk are less likely to display moral courage, sadly even at times when that courage is sorely needed.

Demarcation of Rights

When I was young I got a simple explanation on the demarcation between my rights and the world. It stuck in my mind.

My right to swing ends at their nose.

Those who don't want a vaccination, ok with me. If you infect one person, it is assault. Kill one person from the infection and it is manslaughter. Kill one person deliberately? Then it is murder.

Pound of flesh? Maybe.
Not a single drop of blood. See *Merchant of Venice*.

See also Martin Luther on the Black Death on page 445.

Emotion & Logic

Deeply held emotional beliefs seldom yield to logical refutation.

Also known as:

> Don't waste time arguing with a zealot whose passionate energy comes not from facts and reality, but from wishful thinking in a fantasy universe.

Get Out

Anything that gets
between a customer
and what they want is bad.

How many hours are wasted on automated greetings that include "Our options have changed" when they have not? "We value your call so here are 30 seconds of advertising before giving you any options." Or, I want to confirm my bank balance and have to wait because text message with the one-time 8 digit code is ... slow.

Or, (my least favorite) "Did you know you can check your internet connection on line?" Yeah, something about a ripped cable end dangling from the pole makes that kinda unlikely. (more)

In our current society there are too many examples of this often pretentious and time consuming drivel.

Lead, follow, or get out of the way! (see page 132)

There are fewer examples of not(bad). This was stellar good!

I had to call the US Copyright Office about a question on a form. The phone number was easily found on a web page, I was next in the queue, about two minutes on hold, and got an incredibly competent person who resolved not only my two problems, but suggested a solution to a problem upon which I hadn't yet stumbled. ***KUDO MAXIMUS!***

Glasses Half Empty or?

Is the glass half empty or half full?

The question misses a major point.
The glass is refillable.

Haiku – Life

It appears I never
understood the game of life
Then the clock ran out

Healthy & Educated Populace

A healthy and educated populace
is a national resource.

Wise nations budget accordingly.

Impossible means

That it hasn't been done … yet.

Laugh/Fight/Win

If we laugh at it we can fight it.
If we fight it we can beat it.

This is a simpler variant of words often attributed to Ghandi who may have been inspired by Klein's speech in 1918. See page 681.

Leaders & Adults

Facts matter and those who dwell in delusion are unfit to lead in reality. Manners maketh adults and adults are necessary in diplomacy between nations.

From my Facebook post of 10/10/2020 at https://www.facebook.com/NC3JEJaffe/posts/pfbid0zPXFnTD5KjkkN7H3UPNDbA7t6kuz6VdQUiLrh2KQZYZDrbwnYABLsU7gbpZ55REol

(why are these URLs so long? If under a unique username, how many posts can a person make? Upper case + lower case + 1 to 9, 60 possibilities requires only 6 places for over 51.5 BILLION unique identifiers!)

Leaders We Need

Until we get the leaders we need,
we'll suffer the politicians we get.

Making good judgment

The lack of good judgment appears to be a contagious disease for which education, discipline and maturity are the cure.

Nothing is “free”

Nothing is “free”.
It is a question of who pays for it.

The word “free” is generally marketing. *Caveat Empty!*
On the same idea see Heinlein page 708.

Opulence & Obsession

Opulence obsession reduces reason.

Passage of Time

Days crawl, but years fly.

Time is objectively measured by a clock, but subjectively by relation to one's total time of awareness to that point. For a child one minute can be a long time. For an elder it is a short time. Each day passes slowly, but elders realize many years have gone by. Remember this difference in perspective when communicating with persons of widely varying age.

Provide

Often what is missing is needed more than additional amounts of what is present.

Remembering History

> Those who forget history are condemned to repeat it. Those who remember history are condemned to watch others repeat it.

See *Santayana* on page 884 and a billboard message on page 539.

Resistance is Obligatory

When laws are published to the detriment of all, but the obligation of compliance is optional for some, resistance is obligatory.

Tightest Bonds

The tightest bonds are often those we cannot see, but the slave and the master know very well they exist.

Trauma & Restoration

Significant trauma can cause humans to turn inward, away from society, from friends, and from family. With repairs we generally can have our bodies restored to a semblance of health. With help we can restore our outlook on life, the universe, and everything.

The question is: Will we?

Unless we do, that trauma has defeated us.

So in short:

Never Give Up! Never Surrender! (see page 503)

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In long:

We are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven, that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield.

(see page 502)

Life, the Universe, and Everything (1982) is the third book in the *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* science fiction series by British writer Douglas Adams.

Trying / May Fail

You may try and you may fail.
You should not fail to try.

Vacuum of knowledge

Decisions made in a vacuum of knowledge
echo poorly over the space of time.

Miscellaneous

2 ears, 1 mouth

Listen more than you talk

7 Words for Change Resistance

The Seven Deadly Words of Management

“We've always done it this way before”

9 Commandments of Logic

Ad hominem attack

Thou shalt not attack the person's character but address the argument.

The Straw Man fallacy

Thou shalt not misrepresent or exaggerate a person's argument in order to make it easier to attack.

Begging the question

Thou shalt not argue thy position by assuming one of its premises to already be true

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Post hoc/False clause

Thou shalt not claim that because something occurred before, it must be the cause.

False dichotomy

Thou shalt not reduce the argument down to two possibilities.

Ad ignorantum

Thou shalt not argue that because of our ignorance, a claim must be true or false.

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Burden of proof reversal

Thou shalt not lay the burden of proof onto him that is questioning the claim.

Non sequitur

Thou shalt not assume that “this” follows “that” when there is no logical connection.

Bandwagon fallacy

Thou shalt not argue that because a premise is popular, therefor it must be true.

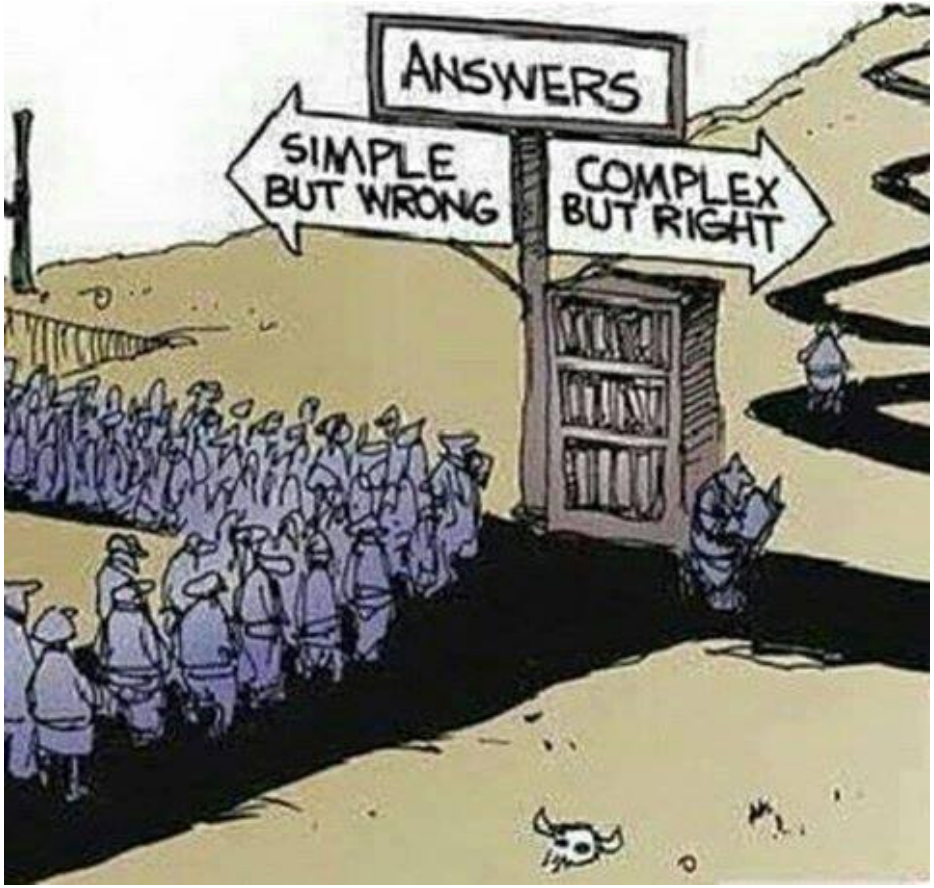
There are probably more than nine! See also Graham’s *Pyramid of Effective Disagreement* on page 691,

Accountable Computer Decisions

> A computer can never be held accountable. Therefore a computer must never make a management decision.

(seen on a placard near an ancient computer circa 1965)

Answers Right|Wrong Simple|Complex



Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words.

Bigotry & Arsenic

Calling bigotry an *opinion*
is like calling arsenic a *flavor.*

No direct citation was found

There were multiple secondary attributions to Jack Cameron.
Unfortunately there are more than one with the name.

Bird & Cow, a moral story

A little bird was flying south for the winter. It was so cold the bird froze and fell to the ground into a large field. While he was lying there, a cow came by and dropped some dung on him. As the frozen bird lay there in the pile of cow dung, he began to realize how warm he was.

The dung was thawing him. He lay there all warm and happy, and soon began to sing for joy. A passing cat heard the bird singing and came to investigate. Following the sound, the cat discovered the bird under the pile of cow dung, promptly dug him out, and ate him.

Morals of this story:

1) Not everyone who shits on you is your enemy.
2) Not everyone who gets you out of shit is your friend.
3) When you're in deep shit and happy about it,
   it's best to keep your mouth shut!

Change/Create/Better

Change world for the better.
Create lasting value.
Make customer's lives better.

Dancing Without Music

And those who were seen dancing,
were thought to be crazy,
by those who could not hear the music.

Most commonly attributed to Friedrich Nietzsche, but also attributed to George Carlin, Megan Fox, Norman Flint, Angela Monet, and others. See https://quoteinvestigator.com/2012/06/05/dance-insane/ The quote remains unattributed.

Donut/Hole

As you travel through life, no matter what your role,
keep your eye on the donut and not upon the hole.

or

As you travel through life, no matter what your role,
keep your eye off the donut and fixed upon the goal.

Draining the Swamp (or filling it?)

Either way
there are a lot of creatures
in a swamp.

Heard in the dining room in reference to the late 2024 selection of people to fill high office who were poor performers either in the same or similar jobs in a previous administration.

Easier to Change Facts

If the facts don't fit the theory,
change the theory,

but too often it's easier to
keep the theory and change the facts.

From a *Product Engineering* magazine sometime during 1958.

Excessive Expansion

A guideline on determining the morality of a questionable practice is “excessive expansion”. The question form is simpler:

“What if everybody did it?”

Excluded for Including

> At the end of the day, I'd rather be excluded for who I include, than be included for who I exclude.

(Seen on a billboard)

Forgotten by too many

With Great Power
Comes Great Responsibility

The phrase, in slightly varying forms, has been repeated for over two centuries, yet it seems not to "stick" within the entirety of our collective conscience. Who created it?

1962 – Stan Lee wrote the first *Spider-Man* story in *Amazing Fantasy* #15 of August 1962 as *With Great Power There Must Also Come - - - Great Responsibility.* In later usage he changed to the shorter quoted form. See the cover at https://www.marvel.com/comics/issue/16926/amazing_fantasy_1962_15

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1950 – President Truman used the quoted form per page 703 *Public Papers of the Presidents of the United States* (1965). "280" refers to the entry for a November 6, 1950 speech in Independence Missouri at the Liberty Bell Luncheon. https://books.google.com/books?id=ixBa5zz8dD8C&pg=PA703&lpg=PA703&dq=Public+Papers+of+the+Presidents+of+the+United+States:+Harry+S.+Truman+%22great+power+goes+great+responsibility He wasn't the first either.

1894 – J. Hector Fezandie used the phrase in *The Moral Influence of a Scientific Education,* presented at a graduation address as recorded in *The Stevens Indicator*, Volume 11, *Alumni and Undergraduates of Stevens Institute of Technology* (1894) page 217. The link goes to page numbered 216, the quote is at the bottom of the *next* page. https://archive.org/details/stevensindicato00techgoog/page/n230/mode/2up

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1817 – The first recorded version may have been

> "He should, however, beg leave to remind the conductors of the press of their duty to apply to themselves a maxim which they never neglected to urge on the consideration of government **- *that the possession of great power necessarily implies great responsibility.***" [bold italics mine]

found in *The Parliamentary Debates from the Year 1803 to the Present Time*, *Volume XXXVI From 28 April to 12 July in 1817,* specifically column 1227 starting on line 5. https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=B6w9AAAAcAAJ The record of Lamb's (see page 271) words start at column 1225 and end at column 1229.

Yet Lamb was speaking about "conductors of the press" who had used those words to remind politicians of their duty. So, who created the quote? We may never know, but Lamb is the oldest recorded speaker found.

Genuinely Appreciated Performers

A person who feels genuinely appreciated will always do more than what is expected.

Per https://www.quotespedia.org/authors/a/anonymous/a-person-who-feels-appreciated-will-always-do-more-than-is-expected-anonymous/ the creator is unknown. See also *Leading high performers* on page 907.

Without reference, one source cited Thomas Eugene Gifford (1937 – 2000), a Harvard graduate and author of thriller novels.

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Another source was reported to have been Gifford Thomas, author of *The Inspirational Leader: Inspire Your Team To Believe In The Impossible* (2019) See https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/44317898-the-inspirational-leader

These two references predate *Inspirational Leader.*

From Forbes magazine
https://www.forbes.com/sites/amyanderson/2015/11/03/a-little-appreciation-goes-a-long-way-why-gratitude-is-the-gift-that-keeps-on-giving (2012)

From Stanford University
https://www.gsb.stanford.edu/insights/frank-flynn-gratitude-gift-keeps-giving (2015)

Golden Rule, 7 ways

Buddhism: Hurt not others with that which pains yourself.

Christianity: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Hinduism: Treat others as you would yourself be treated.

Islam: Do unto all men as you would wish to have done unto you.

Judaism: What you yourself hate, do to no man.

Native Americans: Live in harmony, for we are all related.

Sacred Earth: Do as you will, as long as you harm no one.

Glory to You

While writing the section on *Peace To You* (page 135) my mind kept hearing it from a Klingon. As with some elder memories I was partly wrong. It was from a Klingon, and no ordinary Klingon. It wasn't about peace.

This was Gowron, then Chancellor of the Klingon Empire in the *Star Trek Universe* at an awards ceremony for the "Order of the Bat'leth", a great honor. The candidates partake in an all night social competition of drinking (lots of it) and their habitual martial games. The next day the chancellor awards each candidate (if they are still standing) and delivers this phrase.

Glory to you …. and your house!

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The intonation alone is worth the brief video (see link below).

From *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine*, Season 5, Episode 1, titled *Apocalypse Rising*, first aired September 30, 1996 and written by Ira Steven Behr, Robert Hewitt Wolfe, David Weddle, and Bradley Thompson. Who actually wrote the line isn't known (to me anyway) but it has become a staple of Klingon sayings.

See and hear actor Robert O'Reilly deliver the line as

Gowron, Chancellor of the Klingon Empire!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVmNjtyw5Js

[It was too good a phrase to leave out.]

Hofstadter's Law, Murphy's Variant

Lengthen your timeline … It always takes longer than you think it's going to take, *even if you considered Hofstadter's Law in your estimate*!

(Original law on page 419)

Growing Older

Growing older is mandatory.
Growing wise is optional.

Hole Defined

A hole is a nothing
surrounded by a something
that defines the nothing.

I before E

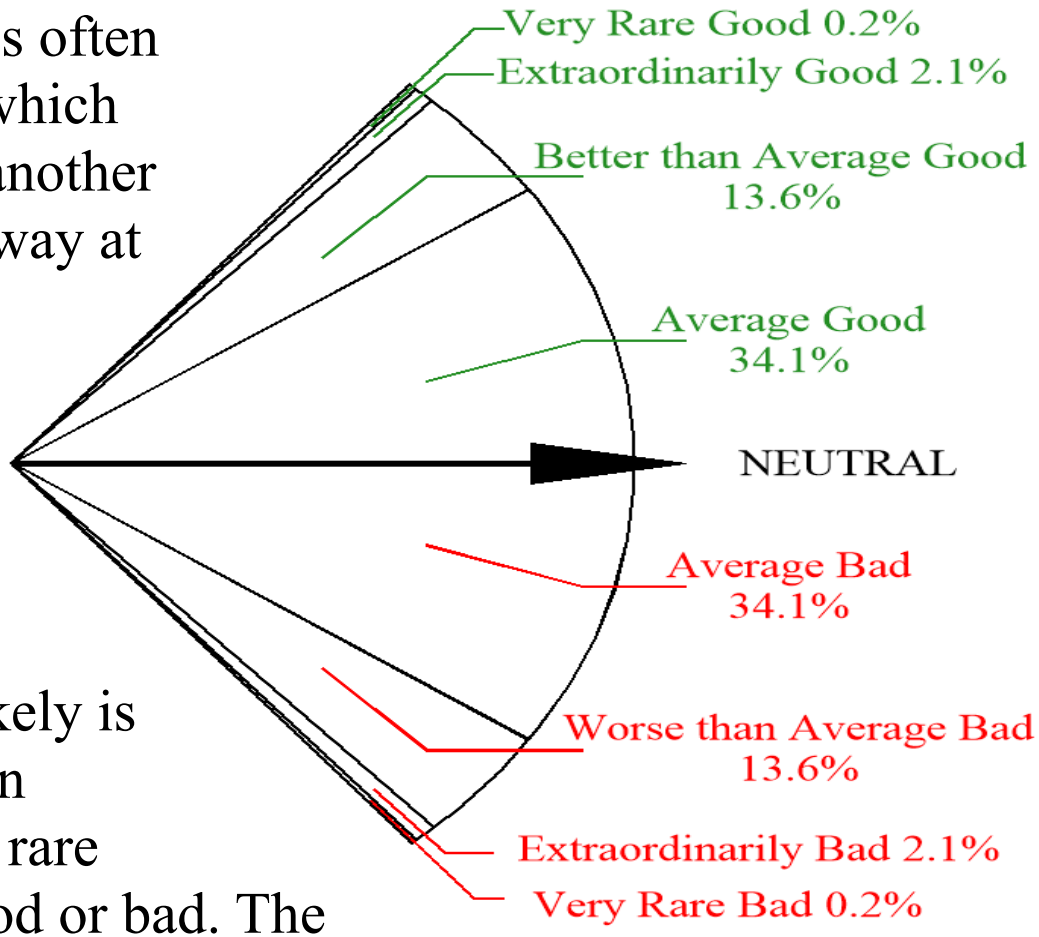
Except when your foreign neighbor Keith
received eight counterfeit beige sleighs
from feisty caffeinated weightlifters.

Weird!

Seen on a coffee mug. English, what a language!!

Karma Changing

The movement of Karma is often compared to a pendulum which swings from one point to another point about 180-degrees away at the same distance on the other side of the center. This model shows it as a dial where the pointer shows we spend about 68% of our time in an average condition. Less likely is time in better or worse than average. Even less in very rare conditions of very rare good or bad. The pointer can stick (for a while) in good zones or bad zones, but most of our lives are spent near the middle.



Laws only affect the lawful

From time to time politicians write new laws that are a burden, sometimes a **heavy** burden, on the populace. Their justification may be shouted from the rooftops in some variation “This law will stop <something or other>.”

It might, it might not. Only the lawful obey the laws. The crooks just don’t bother and all those laws don’t burden the crooks at all.

Making Sense

Whenever you are working on something and find an oddness, such as an extra wire in an outlet box, remember:

It probably made sense to someone at some time.

Don't let your body act on an ego-driven "I know better" because:

Everyone knows something I don't!

Think before doing something you may regret now or maybe later. Might be someone in the following generations will appreciate not getting zapped because you acted without thought.

Meddling with Wizards

Do not meddle in the affairs of Wizards,
for you are crunchy and go well with catsup.

Found on Usenet July 10, 1989. Alternative text includes to not to meddle in the affairs of Dragons … for the same reasons!

Forward vs Progress

Forward motion is not necessarily equal to Progress.

Don't achieve failure

Don't achieve failure
Start with the end in mind.

No specific attribution., “Starting With The End in Mind” is one of the *Seven Habits of Highly Successful People* (1989) by Stephen R. Covey.

Seven Habits also includes:

Level of Thinking

> The significant problems we face cannot be solved
> at the same level of thinking when we created them.
> (See *Einstein* on page 394)

And

> There is no effectiveness without discipline,
> and there is no discipline without character.

Lying vs Error

> A lie is a statement made by one who does not believe it with the intention that someone else shall be led to believe it.

From the essay *Deontology and the Ethics of Lying* (1973) in *Aesthetics and Theory of Criticism: Selected Essays of Arnold Isenberg* (1973), Part III *Ethics and Moral Psychology*, Essay #15, starting on page 245. The quote appears on page 248 in the section titled *Lying* at https://archive.org/details/aestheticstheory0000isen

If someone speaks incorrectly they could be in error. Knowledge contrary to the words communicated a pre-requisite to the creation of a lie. See also *Lie isn't a Lie Until* on page 1054.

Lie isn’t a Lie Until

A lie isn't a lie
until someone else
knows the truth

Based on https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/lying-definition/

See also *Lying vs Error* on page 1053.

Lose, Keep Lesson

When you lose,
don't lose the lesson.

Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose, that is what makes a horse race, or a ball game, or a game of backgammon. Loss is inevitable, but what can be learned from the loss? ***Why a loss?*** Was there something about the people involved? A natural disaster? Stupid people (see page 629)? Sabotage from within? From without? Improper supplies? Analyze the deals that didn't get made, or went bad. The process has many names, including *failure analysis*, *post-mortem*, and WTFAH? They have the same purpose: we paid for it once, let us not have it again.

Morals / Convenient / Important

Morals:
When least convenient
are most important.

It is often easy to screw someone else for your own responsibilities

P7

This adage is thought to have originated in the British Army where they are often called *The Seven Ps*. The oldest form may be:

Proper Prior Planning Prevents
Piss Poor Performance

As all the words start with "P" the order is easily varied. Some use *preparation* instead of *planning*. *Pitifully Poor* is used for younger audiences. Adding *and* violates canon.

This version presents a different point of view.

Piss Poor Planning Promotes Piss Poor Performance.

Sociopathic Business Model

Checklist of Characteristics

Behavior expecting “accomplices” to be compliant
Bullies others

Changes Name to Distance from Unethical or Illegal Behavior
Creates Hopelessness in Victim
Creates Unhappy/Unproductive Work Environment

Engages in Unethical & or Illegal Activity

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Glibness or Superficial Charm
Inconsistent & Contradictory Language to Actions
Irresponsible/Unreliable
Lack of Accountability, Guilt, Remorse, or Shame

Manipulative/Does not Recognize the Rights of Others
Motivates through Fear & Intimidation
Parasitic/Lack of Life Plan
Pathological lying
Poor Behavioral Control

Quick to Place Blame
Rarely Challenged & Prefer to Work that Way
Shallow Emotions

Takes Credit for Other's Work

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Verbal Outbursts

Views people as “Accomplices” &
all "Accomplices” eventually become “Victims”

Demean & Insult
(excessively after “Accomplice” becomes “Victim”)

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www dot killingmycareer dot com (11/15/2024 forwarded to
www dot caroltaylorjewelry dot com)

Shared Joy Trouble

Joy shared is joy doubled.
Trouble shared is trouble halved.

Odd math, but very human.

Stock Prices

Stock prices are not reality.
They are the reflection
of the perception of reality.

Sign & Thank You

A sign seen on the back of a door, perhaps as a reminder.

A thank you
is not a sign of weakness,
but an affirmation of attitude
in gratitude for others.

Smart vs Wise

Smart people know what to say.
Wise people know whether to say it or not.

Toxic Amnesia

Toxic Amnesia is a term that describes how narcissists pretend not to remember the hurtful behaviors, verbal abuse, and betrayals in which they've engaged. It is part of their gaslighting and designed to make you feel like you are over-reacting or mentally unstable thus creating doubt in your mind and enhancing your symptoms of cognitive dissonance.

Turkey & Bull, a moral story

A turkey was chatting with a bull. “I would love to be able to get to the top of that tree,” sighed the turkey, “but I haven't got the energy.” The bull replied “Well, why don't you nibble on some of my droppings? They're packed with nutrients.” The turkey pecked at a lump of dung, and found it actually gave him enough strength to reach the lowest branch of the tree.

The next day, after eating some more dung, he reached the second branch. Finally after a fourth night, the turkey was proudly perched at the top of the tree. He was promptly spotted by a farmer, who shot him out of the tree.

Moral of the story:
Bull Shit might get you to the top, but it won't keep you there.

Tyranny of the Urgent

All too often we glorify the manager recognized as a “firefighter” who combats major problems that seem to spring from nothing and threatens to consume all. Firefighting is glorious, exciting, and urgent. Regular fire prevention is none of those things.

Don't let the tyranny of the urgent
overcome the needs of the important.

Fires arise from ignoring the important. It is more expensive to fight a fire than to prevent one. This is closely affiliated with “An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure” which was known way before Sanderson on page 883.

Regarding Fair Use

17 USC section 107 (see below) calls for the use of four factors in evaluating fair use. These factors need to be evaluated for each quote.

If each quote is used fairly then a collection of them requires no further test of being fair use.

The applicable section of law regarding fair use of copyrighted materials is:

> Title 17 United States Code §107
> - Limitations on exclusive rights: Fair use

Thanks to Cornell Law School's Legal Information Institute (LII), the section may be accessed at https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/17/107

Factor 1) Purpose and character of the use, including whether the use is of a commercial nature or is for nonprofit educational purposes:

A) This is a transformative use wherein this work adds information generally new and not generally provided with a copyrighted quote, or a quote from within a copyrighted work. The added information generally has the purpose of:

A1a) Introducing the notional creator of a quote prior to the quote. For example: “Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC) was a Greek philosopher, student of Plato, and teacher of Alexander the Great.” See page 81.

A1b) or Identifying the creator as a fictional character and providing similar information. For example: “A fictional character, William Adama was to be the last commander of the Battlestar Galactica before it, and he, retired. Then the Cylons returned.” See page 547.

A2a) Adding a citation to the quote cited and optionally, providing a link to further information. For example: Below the quote about facts, bricks and timber (see page 559) is a citation "Epigraph in Isaac Asimov's *Book of Science and Nature Quotations* (1988) page 324".

A2b) or Identifying the citation as contested with further information. For example: Under "Politics … Art" (page 789) is: "Disputed attribution." The notes below describe who could be the real creator and why the commonly cited creator might not be so.

A2c) or Identifying the citation as contested without further information. For example: Below Seneca's quote (see page 147) it says "Attributed to Seneca, but attribution is contested."

A2d) or Identifying that no citation could be found. Sometimes with "generally" or "commonly" attributed to. For example: Below two quotes by Newton (see page 533) it says "Although both quotes are commonly attributed to him, no source was found for the attribution."

2) Nature of the copyrighted work:

B1) No creative or imaginative work derived. Other than this collection of quotes there was no creative or imaginative work such as a novel, movie, or song. In at least one aspect this is a scholarly publication.

B2) Unpublished Work. None of these quotes are from an unpublished work with these exceptions:

B2a) Quotes given to me by persons known to me who have provided permission. For example: Needel on page 821.

B2b) Quotes created by me, or believed to be my creation, after not finding a citation: See page 995 for my contributions to this work.

3) Amount and substantiality of the portion used in relation to the copyrighted work as a whole:

C1) No single quote is the most important part, or the "heart", of a work still in copyright. For example: Donne's *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions* had 23 sections, each with at least three sub-sections. The poem *No Man Is An Island* was extracted from one of at least 69 such sub-sections.

It can be argued that the poem was the heart, yet only a few lines of the poem were quoted (see page 373). *The Devotions* were published circa 1623 and the copyright may have lapsed.

Poem *Ulysses* was published and, while the quoted ending (see page 502) could be the heart, the copyright may have lapsed over the 130 years or so since Tennyson's death circa 1892.

C2) No single quote represents a substantial portion of the copyrighted work as a whole with one possible exception. The quote of the March 9, 1954 broadcast of *See It Now* by Murrow (see page 809) may be substantial.

The totality is available at https://alphahistory.com/coldwar/edward-r-murrow-on-mccarthy-1954/ It is a quote of significant historical importance and great applicability from about 2000 to present day.

4) Effect of the use upon the potential market for or value of the copyrighted work:

D) No Harm. To the best of my determination no quote contained herein damages the existing or future market for the copyright owner's original work. Indeed to whatever extent this work reaches any person and provides a citation, where available, this work of mine may improve the existing or future market for the copyright owner's complete original work.

Soothing feathers

Soothe and stroke the other
when the feathers have been ruffled.

The end

How to write an ending when there isn't a real beginning or a middle? If there is an end, I'm a lot closer to it than the beginning. As lives go my average was … average. There were times of want, need, or sorrow and shorter times of great fulfillment and joy.

I've been fortunate to have the guidance and perspective of many people; some I knew personally, and some I knew only via their deep sagacious understanding and intelligent sharing of knowledge (see *Table of Contents* above). Some were ad-hoc quips. Some were the result of intensive creative effort during a personal crisis. Others were an expression of considerable scholarship on some aspect, or aspects, of human activity.

Guidance on Social Interaction

Two writings have provided excellent guidance. Afflicted with a near-fatal illness, Reverend Donne exerted considerable effort describing the events for posterity. From his massive *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions* was extracted the brief poem *No Man is an Island* (see page 373). The other was Tennyson's poem *Ulysses*, especially the last stanza about we're old, we're worn, continue to try, and don't give up (see page 502).

Internal Guidance

Three items were of special guidance. From an early reading of *The Art of War* one section stuck with me, using knowledge to avoid defeat. III-18 was about knowing self and enemy (see page 155). Why did teenage me read that book? It wasn't part of my curricula. Was it "accidentally" left it where I'd find it?

The other two have a close association with intensive military training on the caliber of the US Navy SEALS, the US Army Rangers, and US Army Special Forces.

The only easy day was yesterday.

As I become more metal and plastic it seems that yesterday wasn't easy either. It may be the perspective of age that entices us elders to think of the now-distant past as easy. Was it? Lazy, sometimes. Taking out the garbage was such an onerous task I'd expend more effort in avoiding it. Not wise at all, but wisdom is seldom visited on the young for many lack the forge of experience.

On physical struggle:

Your mind will give up before your body.
Stop thinking and move!

Thinking we “can't do” sometime prevents us from doing when doing is what needs to be done. From time to time life hands us emergencies where seconds can make a profound difference in the end results. See a phrase from Heinlein (see page 705) about constructive and now is better than perfect too late.

So … after gathering for half a century, compiling, and editing over too many months . . . this is the end . . . after this:

Knowledge is the cure for ignorance.
Get some every day!

Postscript: Never in my life did I imagine, even in my worst nightmare, that the writing below would, nay even could, apply to our own government.

As Spinoza (page 496) signed his works *caute* I put the following last after many other things.

The preamble to our *Declaration of Independence*:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.—That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

(more)

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.

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See the note on page 76 about why some names are shown
John Smith and not Smith, John

In general surnames with a de, der, di, du, van, von, etc index under the particle, the part dependent on the name for meaning according to the APA style guide. Example: *Bento de Spinoza* is indexed on 'd' not 'S'. Particles may be capitalized or not.

Indexed names generally appear as “last name, first name”. That is not always how they appear in the text. When using the reading software’s search function select the less frequent text (ex: *Spinoza)* then search.

An odd name may appear in a section for any of these reasons.

The author is cited for providing the words for a character. Example: William Shakespeare appears in the index under *Ancients* as author of the words spoken by Cassius (see page 92). Shakespeare is also listed under *Humanities & Science* (see page 488).

Or, the creator cited isn't the earliest instance known. Example: Jacques Abbadie appears under *Presidents & National Leaders* on page 273 regarding a quote generally attributed to President Lincoln.

Or, the name is responsible for a change in content. Example: Umberto Eco is under *Places* because his essay may have been responsible for a change in *The Warning Signs of Fascism* as exhibited in the Holocaust Museum (see page 538).

Or, the name is presented to further the quote's understanding.

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